SJCSD Instructional Technology

Bits and Bytes

January Focus:

LIGHT UP LITERATURE WITH TECH TOOLS

This month Celebrate Literacy Week will be held from January 26th-30th. This week is designed to help inspire and motivate students to become life-long readers.

We encourage teachers to celebrate literacy throughout the year, and are providing you with a great resource that contains lots of ideas for connecting students with literature through the use of technology.

Our Celebrate Literature Resources Guide was created by Kristen Badger and Kristin Harrington. Kristen Badger is the Media Specialist at Sebastian Middle School, and a three time winner of the Florida Power Library Award.

Our Monthly newsletter features interactive elements using Zappar.

To view the interactive content follow these quick and easy steps···

- Download the Zappar free app
- Scan the zapcodes located throughout this newsletter.

A ZAPCODE LOOKS LIKE THIS

APP SMASH OF THE MONTH

GOOGLE EARTH

Step 1: Use Google Earth app to locate landmarks, landforms, etc. Take a screenshot of each picture you plan to use. Save pics to Camera Roll.

Step 2: Open InstaCollage app, choose a template, and add pictures. Add text to describe your pictures.

INSTACOLLAGE PRO

Step 3: Save collage to the Camera Roll. Use iPad cord to save collage to your computer.

Happy New Year!

Visit our Edmodo group **hpuuem** to share ideas for New Year's lessons.

Collaboration isn't Just for Students...

Rather, than choosing one teacher to spotlight this month, we would like to celebrate the New Year with lesson ideas from teachers across the county!

Do you have a great New Year's lesson that you use every year? Did you recently find a great lesson idea on Pinterest or your favorite blog? We would appreciate if you would share your ideas in our **New Year's Lessons Edmodo group**.

Our group code is: **hpuuem**

We included a couple of lesson ideas to get you started. Any ideas are welcome, even if they don't include technology. Pictures, templates, and examples would be even better!

You inspire us with your great ideas every day, so now we hope you will be inspired by other teachers as well. Wishing you an AMAZING start to this New Year!
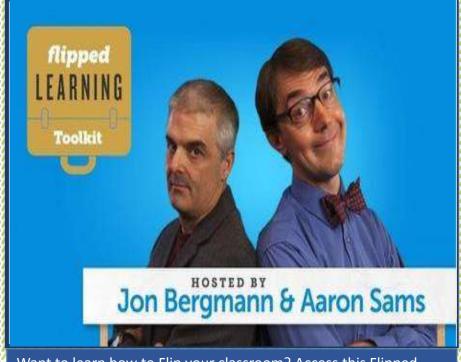
JANUARY SCOOP IT!

[Click here](#) to access some great EdTech articles.

"More and more, job listings are exclusively available online and as technology evolves nearly every occupation now requires a basic level of digital literacy with web navigation, email access and participation in social media."

Michael K Powell

Want to learn how to Flip your classroom? Access this Flipped Toolkit hosted by Flip Pioneers, John Bergmann and Aaron Sams.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Florida Educational Technology Conference (FETC)- January 20th-23rd

Celebrate Literacy Week- January 26th- 30th

Technology Task Challenges

Each month, our newsletter will feature a technology task challenge. Teachers who would like to participate, should join our Edmodo group and turn in the assignment. Teachers who successfully complete the challenge will be entered in a drawing for a gift card.

January Teacher Challenge

Materials Needed: Teacher Laptop

Description: You will learn how to create and share a digital notebook using Microsoft OneNote.

Assignment: Click below and complete the task. Join our Task Challenge Edmodo group (code: 4myeat). Post a screenshot of the notebook you created and/or tell another idea for how you will use OneNote. Click Here for more details. Click here to view our archived Teacher Task Challenges.

Congratulations to Roslyn McCaleb Winner of our December Teacher Task Challenge. Mrs. McCaleb will receive a $10.00 gift card to Starbucks.

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- Current Events Resources

- Peek inside a Technology-Rich High School Classroom