



Technology News from Marcia Applegate Hessen DSO

Think about trying an online project with your class. Many are one-computer activities.

Flat Stanley Online-

Many students and teachers have enjoyed the **Flat Stanley** project over the years. Here is the ON-LINE site for the Flat Stanley Project.

<http://flatstanley.enoreo.on.ca/> You may enjoy checking it out!

How Does It Work?

In the book, Flat Stanley, by Jeff Brown, Stanley is squashed flat by a falling bulletin board. One of the many advantages is that Flat Stanley can now visit his friends by traveling in an envelope. This premise provides a reason for us to keep in touch with each other. The Flat Stanley Project is a group of teachers who want to provide students with another reason to write. Students written work goes to other places by conventional mail and e-mail. Check out the Flat Stanley List of Participants to see where you can send a Flat Stanley or who might be sending a Flat Stanley to you. Students make paper Flat Stanleys and begin a journal with him for a few days. Then Flat Stanley and the journal are sent to another school where students there treat Flat Stanley as a guest and complete the journal. Flat Stanley and the journal are then returned to the original sender.

Random Acts Of Kindness

<http://www.angelfire.com/ny/ProjectKAVE/random1.html> This web project recognizes children's acts of kindness. You let them know when children in your class should be celebrated for going the extra distance by being kind to one another. Each month you will submit a paragraph about one student in your class who performed a "Random Act of Kindness". They will post the child's act and picture to celebrate him or her. You must send in your entry by the 25th of each month.

Students can plot his travels on maps and share the contents of the journal. Often, a Flat Stanley returns with a pin or postcard from his visit. Some teachers prefer to use e-mail only, and this is noted in the List of Participants.



This project has links to many curriculum applications for Flat Stanley activities.

Genetic Inheritance Project

Many classes are taking advantage of the web to collect data for projects. By participating in this project you would assist them by being a source and you would also share in the results.

<http://www.olentangy.k12.oh.us/teacherweb/Zech/Genetics/GeneticSurveyHome.html>

What is the Genetic Inheritance Project? In biology they are studying the inheritance of genetic traits. Their goal is to have a wide variety of people complete their genetic survey. Once the data has been collected the class will begin to look for dominant and recessive traits, as well as any linked traits. For example: Can all people with a widows peak roll their tongue? When they have collected all of the data, they will post the results on the web, or send them to you.

Special Topic:
Online Projects for
your Class

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World Poem Project

[Http://worldpoem.homestead.com](http://worldpoem.homestead.com)

Is there a master of poetry hiding in your classroom? Find out through this online project, held in conjunction with the St. Louis Virtual World's Fair 2004. Here, participants are asked to send in poems reflecting their culture, worldview, and anything else pertaining to their home and country. Poems are posted at the project's Web site, where students can learn more about upcoming world fairs and the original 1904 fair that inspired this one.

The Classroom Connect Website has a link to contact educators from around the world to hook up with project collaborators, get keypals, or discover like-minded colleagues in your area. To get started you enter your profile and provide information to identify your areas of interest.

<http://connectedteacher.classroom.com/teacherContact/search.asp>