

Tech Tidbits



TIPS & TRICKS

~Activators & Summarizers~

Activators and summarizers are powerful instructional strategies that can accompany any lessons.

[*Check out the K20 CENTER's Interactive Guide*](#)

Check out Kathy Schrock's Apps & Applications for tools that integrate well with many of the activators/summarizers

[*Schrock Guide—Activators & Summarizers*](#)
(scroll down to the Apps & Applications)

APPS & ADD-ONS THAT MAKE LIFE EASIER

[One Tab](#)– Chrome Add On

*find all the resources you want to provide for scaffolding any lesson & click the “one tab” icon to get one url to share

Drive for your computer

[*Sync Tool*](#)



(can also be downloaded from the settings wheel in Google Drive)

*This syncs all online Google Drive files with your computer for easy save/open access, as well as, offline access to your Drive files

[*Drive Plugin for Microsoft Office*](#)

*open from & save to Google Drive within Microsoft Office tools

Did you know?

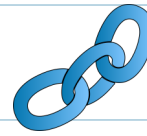
Google Search Education provides lots of materials to improve your search skills & enhance student search skills
<http://bit.ly/1OiljTe>

Google Inside Search
<http://bit.ly/googleinsidesearch>

Mores resources from ReadWriteThink
<http://bit.ly/rwthoaxnohoax>

More information:
Helping Student Become Better Researchers
<http://bit.ly/1ODzSDL>

USING MULTIMEDIA MATERIALS



[SchoolTube](#)-- collection of videos for students and teachers, created by students and teachers

[HippoCampus](#) — videos, animations, & simulations for middle school to college (collections from Khan academy, STEMbites, NASA Science, etc.)

[History.com](#) — videos, photos, & audio clips from the History Channel

[Photos for Class](#)—searches for creative commons materials

*all downloaded images are watermarked with the name of the author, name of the photo, a link to the original photo, & the type of license

[Pixabay](#) — free high quality images (including vectors & art illustrations)

[Zaption](#)— Create interactive video lessons that provide teacher data when completed

*add pauses, text slides/captions, drawing, multiple choice questions, check boxes, & open response questions to YouTube (public or ones you've created) and Vimeo clip

*Great for out of class assignments, flipped classrooms, or presenting in class & getting live feedback throughout the presentation

—Similar tools to Zaption include [EDpuzzle](#) & [eduCanon](#) > [read more here](#)

[Office Mix](#) — Free PowerPoint Add On

*transform your PowerPoints with added ink, video, narration, polls, & screen captures

*Upload to the office Mix website for sharing & viewer analytics

Discovery Education

Discovery Education is a subscription collection that is rich with video, audio, and text materials across all content areas (especially Science and Social Studies). The new math series includes math in context (math in the real world).

*All Junior School and Middle School teachers & students have accounts (K-2 students have a generic account, 3rd-8th students linked to Google account)

*We have not purchased this for the Senior School, but if you are a SS teacher who feels you would benefit from access to these resources please contact me.

"Yes, kids love technology, but they also love legos, scented markers, handstands, books, and mud puddles. It's all about balance." -K.G., first grade teacher

Teacher Spotlight



For my spotlight in this edition I am choosing to spotlight ALL SSA educators. In the short time I have been a part of the SSA community I am truly enjoying getting to know the many phenomenal educators at all 3 campuses.

I love hearing about the many ways you are innovating your classrooms and preparing your students for their futures. As an educator, it is exciting and uplifting to see teacher's branching out to try new things, leaping off from comfort zones to meet students where they are, and reflecting on ways to enhance education. Often trying new things can have an unknown impact (or success rate) & may even have to be re-evaluated to see if these changes benefited your students or you, but our student (and our world) are changing so rapidly around us & it's great to be a part of the impact on their lives.

I look forward to the many opportunities to work with you and your students.