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1. USDOE Publications Available On-line

Need a publication or product from the U. S. Department of Education fast? The ED Pubs on-line ordering system is available to help. Individuals may use a search engine located on this site to locate specific products in the ERIC database. The National Educational Technology Standards for Students: Connecting Curriculum and Technology, a 370-page spiral bound book that outlines technology standards for K-12 students, is also available. Only 1 product request per order however. Multiple orders will be available at a later date.

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/tedpubs.html>

2. eSchool News identifies top 30 School Technology Players

The editors of eSchool News present the top 30 players who have had a powerful effect on technology in the nation's schools during the last year. Among those selected are William Kennard, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission; John Vaille, CEO of the International Society for Technology in Education; Karen Smith, Executive Director of TECH CORPS; and Bill Gates, Chairman of Microsoft.

<http://www.eschoolnews.org/impact30/index.html>

3. Nick News Airs Episodes on Black History

Nick News, the weekly newsmagazine series designed to educate young viewers about historical and current events, airs a special series for black history month. This half-hour special features interviews with pivotal African-American figures such as Darnell Martin,

the first African-American woman to write and direct a major studio feature film “I Like It Like That”; Dudley Edmondson, a nature photojournalist who shares his love for nature with inner city kids; and Lt. Matice Wright, an African-American woman who is a Naval flight officer and pilot. Lesson plans accompany each episode link.

http://www.teachers.nick.com/supplies/shows/ed_shows_blackhis.html

4. Web-Traveller’s Toolkit for Children’s Literature Web Sites

Web-Traveller’s Toolkit has organized some web sites that identify various links to specialized sites for individual authors, publishers, and topics of children’s literature. Some of the sites included are Carol Hurst’s Children’s Literature Web Site, Fairrosa Cyber Library of Children’s Literature, OzKidz Literature, and the National Library of Canada.

<http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/general.html>

5. Tampa Bay Online Explores Black History

The staffs of Tampa Bay Online and The Tampa Tribune have coordinated a special section exploring Black History and its legacy. Information available on this web site includes sections on the civil rights in America, African-American heroes and entertainers, black television shows, and other race-related news stories.

<http://tampabayonline.net/reports/black/home.htm>

6. Resource Guide for Science Fair Projects

The Internet Public Library web-based resource guide to science fairs can guide students through the necessary steps to successfully complete a science experiment. This site can help students choose a topic, write a paper, make a display, and prepare for presentation. Several links to other sites are available as well as an Ask the Expert area if additional assistance is needed.

<http://www.ipl.org/youth/projectguide/>

7. Music Teacher Celebrates African-American Influence in Blues and Jazz

This web site allows music education teacher Deborah Kay Jeter to share her thoughts and experiences in teaching her students about African-Americans in blues and jazz. Jeter gives various examples of blues lyrics and how they can be used to create “music on the spot.” She also provides further examples of how children can improvise with non-tunable percussion instruments.

http://www.suite101.com/article.cfm/music_education/759

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