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1. Customizing Your Technology Assessment
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Technology and Learning Magazine online features a series of articles on how schools are responding to the increasing pressures they face to assess their technology goals. Read about different approaches to technology assessment three school districts took and the lessons they learned along the way. Click on the Cover Feature: How Well is it Working: Customizing Your Technology Assessment.

Related URL: <http://www.techlearning.com/>

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2. Happy St. Patrick's Day Fun
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The leprechaun season is upon us once again. Educators looking for ways to add a touch of the Irish in their lesson plans can find several useful activities. This festive website includes sayings, superstitions, history, and jokes all related to St. Patrick.

Related URL: <http://www.marvelicious.com/stpatrick.html>

3. Aesop's Fables Online Exhibit

This online collection of Aesop's Fables includes more than 655 stories, many of which are illustrated, and several incorporate RealAudio narrations. As an added bonus, the site features 127 Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Andersen, Graphic Timelines covering 1000 BC - 500 BC and 1000 BC - 1000 AD, stories by L. Frank Baum (author of the Wizard of Oz), and Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol.

URL: <http://www.pacificnet.net/~johnr/aesop/>

4. Participate in NEA Reading Celebration

The National Education Association is kicking off its Read Across America celebration on March 2 with the theme "Oh, The Places You'll Go," from Dr. Seuss. Everything you need to create a reading celebration in your school from a crash course in how to plan the event to a Cat - alog is listed at this website.

URL: <http://www.nea.org/readacross/welcome.html>

5. High-Tech Summer Academy at Stanford

The Stanford Academy for New Media is hosting a summer academy beginning July 2, 2001, for K-12 and university faculty/administrators as well as high school (grades 8-12) and college students. Stanford will be offering weeklong sessions in Web design, 3D animation, and digital movie making. Each attendee will get a chance to learn in context by developing actual multimedia projects during the week. Download registration forms at the website. Scholarships are available to those who qualify.

URL: <http://newmedia.stanford.edu/>

6. Youth Social Action Contest

TakingITGlobal and e-teen.net, in partnership with Palo Alto Software, Global Youth Service Day (April 21, 2001), and Youth Service America are holding the Youth Social Action Contest to reward the best ideas and plans that address a need in the global or an applicant's community. The aim of the contest is to connect innovative ideas with the mentors, knowledge, partnerships, and funding to transform them into actionable plans. The 1st prizewinner will receive \$1,000 as well as other resources to start implementing her/his idea. The application deadline is April 1, 2001.

Related URL: <http://www.ideafund.org/contest/>

7. Take Students to a Virtual Zoo

Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park is a tour of a real zoo. This site can be especially good for students who may not have had the chance to visit an actual zoo.

URL: <http://www.santaanazoo.org/>

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