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1. Helping Children Understand the Terrorist Attacks

"Helping Children Understand the Terrorist Attacks," a new web page that suggests ways adults can talk with children about the attacks. The web page also offers suggestions for educators, as well as links to additional resources that may be helpful to parents, teachers, and other adults who work with children. Below is the text of the press release & the web page.

URL: <http://www.ed.gov/inits/september11/index.html>

Related Link: <http://www.ed.gov>

2. Assess Your Child's Hidden Talent

Is your kid a math whiz? Or a wonder with words? Find out where his strengths and weaknesses lie and how you can help enhance and improve his skills at the Center for Talented Youth website.

URL: <http://www.jhu.edu/gifted/teaching/strategies/assessment.htm>

3. Pump Up Your Curriculum With Pumpkins

Jump into the Halloween season by having your students visit a website with all kinds of pumpkin facts and pumpkin lore. Your students will love the chance to try pumpkin science, pumpkin math, pumpkin writing in the classroom. For more information, visit

URL: http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson028.shtml

4. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by visiting the Mexico para Ninos website. This is a Spanish-language website created so young children can learn about Mexico through games, animation, music and much more. English, French and Italian language versions are available, and the site includes a "surf control" option.

URL: www.elbalero.gob.mx/index_esp.html

5. Resources for Cultural Arts in the Classroom

"Cultural Arts Resources for Teachers & Students" features resources & best practices for combining oral history and community study with dance, theater, music, & visual arts.

This site also presents curricular materials from City Lore, an organization that sponsors artist residencies in schools & staff development for teachers in New York & other cities.

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

6. Explore Recent Advances in Genetics

"Human Genome Project Education Resources" offers curriculum modules, a newsletter, a molecular genetics primer, tutorials on bimolecular and biological processes, an overview of research on mutant genes & hereditary diseases, an online resource for learning biology, publications, teaching aids, animations, and other learning resources related to genetics.

URL: <http://www.ornl.gov/hgmis/education/education.html>

7. Fun Activities about the Sun

The Stanford Solar Center is devoted to research about the sun. Its website presents a collection of fun educational activities based on research by the Solar Oscillations Investigation (SOI) and Solar and Heliospheric Observatory. Art, folklore, posters and webcasts are available as well as the "Solar Weather Report" and "ask an Expert."

URL: <http://solar-center.stanford.edu/>

8. Teacher Resource Website

The New Curriculum was started in spring 2001 to give teachers more resources to integrate technology into their classes. The site offers links to web resources, lesson plans, regular editor's column focusing on a specific issue, and links to other discussion lists that focus on technology integration. The New Curriculum is also an educational consulting firm that offers professional development workshops.

URL: <http://www.newcurriculum.com/>

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