South East Group

North Florida & South Carolina Region

August 2012 Newsletter

Positive Character Quotes

"You can do anything, but not everything"

– David Allen

"You miss 1--% of the shot you never take"

-Wayne Gretzky

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world"

-Gandhi

"The richest man in the world is not he who has the most, but he who needs the least!" -anonymous

Common Core Tip Corner

Wondering how to integrate literacy in science? Let's focus on Standard 2 and break it down into what is really expected of students

Students should be able to:

- Determine the central ideas of a text
- Summarize complex concepts, processes or information in text
- Paraphrase text

To Address this standard

Students should be reading their textbook, news articles, essays, novels, short stores, etc and learners must summarize, draw conclusions and make inferences.

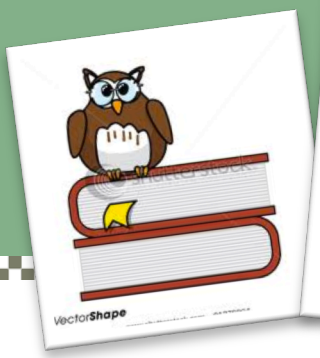
Application suggestions:

- Post -it summaries
- Think and Share
- Highlight
- Cause and Effect
- Concept Mapping

BLOG

Don't forget to share your thoughts on our region Blog!

http://imagineeducators.webs.com



~North FL/SC Region Forum~

Registration and breakfast begins at 7am on Aug 10th at the Lake Buena Vista Palace –You will receive all you will need for the day! Workshop sign up sheets will be at your school the first day of orientation – 13 spots per school for each workshop

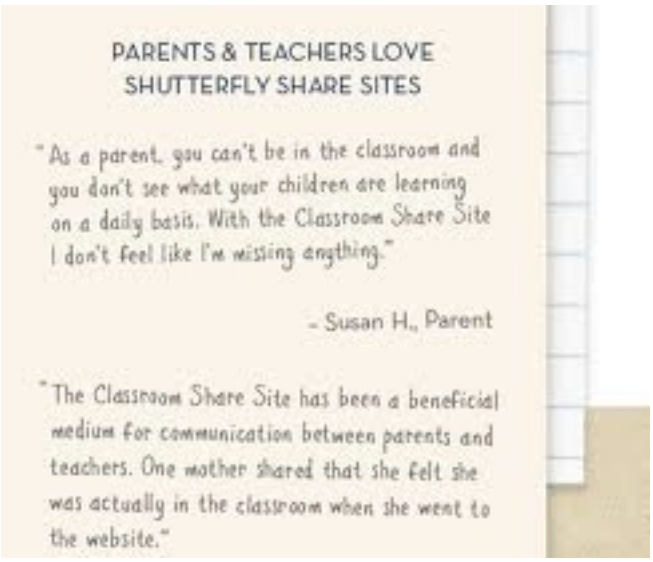
In addition to an exciting day full of engaging professional development we will hear from each school on their challenges and successes this year.

There will also be a special presentation from our CEO Dennis Bakke on the State of the Company and be prepared to find out who has won the Six Measures of Excellence Awards and the Joy at Work Award ----- and don't forget to get ready for the infamous TUG OF WAR!

Classroom Website Made Easy

By Jennifer Badeaux

It's that time again where teachers are thinking about the year ahead and working on projects over the summer to get ready for the next class of students. One thing on your list may be how to communicate with your students and parents.



An easy, and I mean easy, solution is a Shutterfly Classroom Share site.

For the last three years I have used this for my classroom and it gets better each year. You may have heard about Shutterfly or even used them in the past for photo developing, but did you know they offer classroom share sites?

A classroom share site can be as little or as much as you want. Here's a short list of the services the site offers:

- ✓ Calendar with email notification reminders
- ✓ Class list with contact information
- ✓ Sign up lists for wish lists or volunteer spots
- ✓ Email reminders
- ✓ Link section
- ✓ Photo Sharing (great for field trips and performances)
- ✓ Video Sharing
- ✓ Password Protected
- ✓ Easily Customizable
- ✓ Message Board
- ✓ It's Free!!!

The site offers easy ways that you can make it your own and combines all the functions of a class blog with even more features. The volunteer sign up lists were a great help in my room as well as the calendar with reminder functions set. My parents were always informed and my room parent was also able to add events and share.

There are some great ways to use the site that I haven't even tried yet. I'm thinking that the message board section will be used more for discussions/homework revolving around the classroom. The possibilities are endless.

If you need help setting up a Shutterfly classroom site just ask.

For more information visit: http://www.shutterfly.com/share-photos/classroom-websites.jsp

FUN August FACTS

Origin of August's name: came from the early Roman calendar named after Julius Caesar Augustus

August Flower – Gladiolus

August has two birthstones –

The Perseid Meteor Shower

The Perseid cloud stretches from the comet Swift-Tuttle as it travels on is 130 year orbit.
This shower has been observed or about 2000 years from late July through mid August – our peak view is Aug 11
The rate of meteors reaches 60 or more per hour! They can be seen across the sky pre dawn!
Happy Viewing!

August Birthdays

3 – Melissa Thomas

7 – Carlyn Barker

8 – Jenny Norris

9 – Meritt Newell

12- Joanna Dorak

14 – Christine DeMata

17 – Rachel Underwood

20 – Beth Franklin

22-Sandy Gordon

22- Linda Smith

24 – Nancy Stewart

26 – Heather Kelly

More birthdays coming soon – once list is updated with our new friends!

Important (and not so much) **Dates in August!**

2- FULL MOON

3- Columbus set sail 1492

4 – President Obama Bday

5 – Neil Armstrong's Bday

6- Spacecraft Curiosity will attempt to land on Mars

7- Sea Serpent Day

8- Dollar Day (US dollar created)

9- Smokey the Bear's Bday

10- S'Mores Day

11 – Perseid Meteor Shower

12 – Hawaii Annexed to US

13- Annie Oakley's Bday

14-Japan Surrendered in WWII

15-National Relaxation Day

16-Roller Coaster Day

17- Davy Crockett born in 1786

18 – Wizard of Oz premiered

19 – National Aviation Day

20- Alaska Discovered in 1741

23- First Photo of Earth from the moon taken in 1966

24 – Amelia Earhart flew across US in 1932

25 – Banana Split Day

26-Women's Equality Day

27- Mother Teresa born 1910

28- Dream Day – MLK Jr gave the speech I have a dream in 63

30 – Toasted Marshmallow day

31- Trail Mix day

Setting up your classroom Can be SOO MUCH FUN! Tips to remember:

- Evaluate your space and style –add personal touches
- Keep supplies within easy reach and avoid clutter
- Provide opportunities for students to move around and keep High traffic areas free of congestion
- Opportunities to hang student work
- Keep everything Purposeful!
- Focus areas where students know to look for consistant information

And don't do everything…leave stuff to put up with the kids – it will make it meaningful

The Starfish Story

A teacher was walking along a beach that was covered
with many starfish left in the sun by the receding tide.
Seeking to help, she picked up a starfish
and tossed it back in the ocean. A man, amused by her action, said to her, "There are too many starfish.
You will never make a difference."
Discouraged, she began to walk away.
Suddenly, she turned around, picked up another starfish,
and tossed it as far as she could back into the sea.
Turning to the man, she smiled and said,
" I made a difference to that one!"

Thank you for making a difference in student's lives!

(Adapted for teachers)