Skill Building Resources

GROUP PROJECT: CREATE A CLASS HOMEPAGE

Teachers: There are several free, protected websites which will allow each of your classes to have its very own homepage. Most are designed for teachers to create, but if students do it they can increase their skills with technology, add to a sense of class community, and create a quick place they and their ‘ohana can check for announcements, homework or get resources for their projects and further learning. Here are two sites you might like:

- http://teacher.scholastic.com/homepagebuilder/

This site may make this even easier:

- http://www.wikihow.com/Set-Up-a-Google-Personalized-Homepage

And here’s an example Class Homepage:

- http://cogbill.rlsms.com

Students: Here’s some cool stuff you and a partner can prepare and put on our class homepage …

- Everybody’s birthday
- Lunch menus
- School schedules (like bell times, week plans & holidays!)
- Class values and goals
- Homework assignments & due dates
- When and where to get help with projects
- Handouts (not that you’d ever lose one!)
- Important news stories, movies, & books to check out
- Word of the Day
- Field trip information
- Cool websites to check out for this class
- Cool graphics and photos of us to show everyone
- Examples of our best work
- Extra credit options
- Practice tests
- An “open mike” to share our ideas
- Surf report & local news

1. First, two students will create our basic Homepage (see options above).
2. Meanwhile, others choose a category above and research, or create, the info we need to post on our Homepage (can be done for homework, in pairs or on your own)

3. Throughout the year update your info every week (1 team will be assigned the teacher’s password) and check out what your classmates have added (everyone gets the log in info).

Our class Homepage address is: _____________________________________
Our log in info is: __________________________________________________