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Viewzi, the Visual Search Engine

Go from blah to bling

Viewzi is a new search engine. Instead of one big list of results, Viewzi displays results as screen shots or text or both. It is a graphic way of searching and viewing results. It searches websites, videos, mp3 files, images, news sites and pulls information from Google and Yahoo.




Viewzi then groups the results into 17 views such as news, mp3, text, and search engines. For example, students can click on the Google Timeline and results are grouped by date. Students click into the headline and get more information.

Give Viewzi a try - www.viewzi.com

Using Blogs in the Classroom

Blogs can be used to create learning communities in your classroom and can be a the starting point for research and collaboration. As an information tool, you could post links to Internet resources and the IMC databases and online catalogs. The blog would also serve as a place to post worksheets, handouts and helpful tips. You could even post a class calendar using Google calendar. Student could use the blog as a research journal and a means to collaborate with other students in the class.



 Google Book Search was added to the IMC catalog page because it allows students to search for books that are out of copyright that Google has scanned and added to its web site.

Students can also preview the table of contents and a limited number of pages or chapters of books that are still under copyright. Google Book Search is another tool that students can use in their research.



June 11th to 16th

Summer Book Lists
Summer Reading
Spectacular



We wish Stephanie and Rob much happiness with their new daughter

Riley Christina

5/21/2009

6 lbs. 13 oz.



Twilight Madness



Twilight Madness, a day-long discussion of the book *Twilight* by Stephanie Meyer, was a crowd pleaser. The discussions attracted hundreds of students throughout the day, including entire classes that came down to talk about this best-seller. Students were thrilled to be able to discuss this popular tome with fellow students and several different group leaders. Thank you Mary Alice Smith, Judy Nelson, Tara Hartwyk, and Debbie Carchidi for leading the discussions.

HotChalk - Looking for More Streaming Videos and Video Clips?

NJN Public Television and HotChalk are offering K-12 teachers and students access to free streaming videos and video clips programs. These include 300 videos from the History Channel and over 1500 videos from NBC news archives.

You must register and at <http://www.hotchalk.com?NJN/>

Once your are registered, you can download videos and save them to your computer or save the link to embed in a Word document or PowerPoint presentation. HotChalk also offers class management tools and lesson plans.

You will find a link to HotChalk on the IMC's Database Page.



Staff Book Club

Please send us your book recommendations for the Staff Book Club for next year.

We want to give you the book selections and books before you leave school in June so you can read them over the summer.

The following are some recommended titles: *The Middle Place* by Kelly Corrigan, *Closing Time* by Joe Queenan, and *The Shack* by William Young

