



Learning Technologies Connecting A Community of Learners

Happy New Year ... Opportunities to Connect

Welcome back to another exciting year. September is filled with much anticipation by students, parents, teachers and administrators alike. We hope that everyone had a fabulous summer of rest and rejuvenation and ready to engage in new possibilities.

Professional Learning: Pondering individual or staff pro-d? Here are just a smattering of ideas [more to come].

Connect the Writing Process with Google Docs - This platform takes the side-by-side conversation needed to strengthen writing to a new level. Whether peer-support or teacher commenting, it's all in real time.

Voices Matter - Blogging as engaging the world. Develop an online environment to share your class with parents, or invite experts into your setting. Learning is multi-faceted, open and connected. Some of our

blogs have played host to literature circles, e-portfolios, writing process, podcast radio, video share, critical thinking projects, and news reporting. Our blogs create a community of learners. Both beginners and advanced sessions are available to support you through the process.

iDevices as Communication and Documentation. iPads have taken the world by a storm. Once past the shiny tool stage, how can these devices be used to intentionally engage the learner and take them to a level never seen before. That's the goal of these sessions—to go beyond the “razzle-dazzle”. You will notice that there are beginner levels and advanced integrated levels. [Organization and syncing of carts will be dealt with on a school by school need-contact our team.]



Developing Readers - Addressing Tier 2 and 3

Raz-Kids supports reading skills and fluency through consistent leveled practice

with powerful fiction and non-fiction texts. Students record their readings. Unknown or mispronounced words are corrected by the software. This program can be used in LSS, ESL and regular classroom to individualize and provide choice.

Fast ForWord (cognitive) and Reading Assistant offer support for individuals who need intense targeted, highly personalized intervention in pullout settings to develop the neurological structures and learning skills required to be successful readers. Email Janet.Chow@sd41.bc.ca if you are interested.

For these and others, check for details on the Staff Development Calendar [updated regularly].

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Professional Learning:

- Oct 8— Fast ForWord—New Series
 - Oct 9—Primary Teachers Differentiate
 - Oct 10—Jumpstart Blogging Series
 - Oct 15—LT Inquiry Team
 - Oct 17—Fast ForWord Raz-Kids
 - Oct 22—Writers Workshop for Modern Learners Series
 - Oct 29 —Strategic Readers & Documentation
 - Oct 29-Secondary Inquiry Open Session—Bby South
 - Nov 12— Secondary Inquiry Open Session
- *Check SD Calendar as sessions are regularly updated.*

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