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# **District-wide Technology Training in** Dec. & Jan.

Register in Eduphoria for these sessions. All of them are @ Guerra

Wed. Dec 4<sup>th</sup> iPad 101

4:30 - 5:45

Wed. Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Promethean Boards & Math Tools 4:30 - 5:45

Wed. Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Web Portfolio Development #2 4:30 - 5:45

Wed. Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> Phase 1-3 Assessments 4:30 - 5:45

Excellent staff development resources available to Edgewood teachers and staff:



User Name: Use EISD email <u>address</u> Password: Your 6-digit District ID#



Excellent promethean resources/staff development for all levels of users.

Why Alpha Tech Soup?

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Send responses to

Teachers and Staff.

I love this time of year for many reasons. This time of year can provide us with a platform for many teachable moments. During Christmas time, I have had students participate in the Holiday Mail for Heroes Program. You can have your students make cards for troops. In doing this activity, students can apply their knowledge and skills in several disciplines to express their thanks for others. The deadline for this particular program is December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot make this deadline, there are plenty of ways to show support this holiday season.

Another thing many of you love about this time of year is shopping. Last year, I started following the iPhone Mom online. Her <u>latest newsletter</u> has some good ideas for gift suggestions. She has some decent educational resources on her page too.

#### 5th grade Technology Assessment

In October, our 5th graders took a technology preassessment. Here is a summary of our results:

% Students Met Proficiency Standard

% Students Below **Proficiency Standard** 

33% (36/108)

67% (72/108)

We had the highest # of proficient students in the district for elementary, but 72 of our students did not meet standard.

Students completed a survey at the end of the assessment. Here are two questions that caught my attention:

Do you have access to a computer at home that can connect 59% to the Internet that you can do homework on?

Do you currently have a cell phone that can access the Internet and show Web pages?

50%

Survey results and detailed assessment results by school and student can be made available upon request.

5<sup>th</sup> grade will take a post assessment in May.

Let's all do our part to ensure students are prepared with the technology skills necessary for the next level!

#### Rock on with Learning.com

High Five to the top classes in learning.com.

Class/Avg. Lessons perstudent

- 1. Cantu/18
- 2. Casias/14
- 3. Felkner/12
- 4. Maldonado/10
- 5. Cobbley/6

learning.com.

Please monitor your students to make sure they are completing the Technology Application TEKS curriculum. We have too many students who have not completed

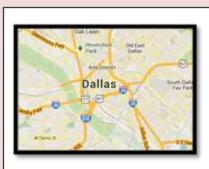
### Challenge your students in Reflex!

even one lesson. Please let me

know if you need assistance with

Login with your account, play a game, and post your high score in the class room. Then, challenge your students to beat your s core. For more motivational strategies, go to the Reflex Engagement Kit.

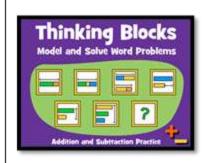
## Technology Rock Stars - On the Main Stage!



2<sup>nd</sup> graders use Scribble Maps to identify major Texas cities and describe characteristics of urban centers.



3<sup>rd</sup> graders create Thinking Maps on Types of Energy.



4<sup>th</sup> graders use Math Playground Thinking Blocks website during center time on the promethean board to practice Singapore Math.

I have observed several grade levels doing science assignments on the different types of energy. 2nd grade collected pictures to illustrate the types of energy.  $3^{rd}$  grade did thinking maps on energy  $\,$  and  $\,$ 4<sup>th</sup> grade  $\,$ did  $\,$ a PowerPoint. As an extension activity, you could have your students critique some of the other grade levels assignments for accuracy and understanding. For example, 4th or 5th grade could take some 3rd grade thinking maps examples and have students add to them and/or develop a written explanation. I thought this might be a great way for the students to see the connections between grade levels and collaborate with others.