



The Technology Program

At Dvorak Academy

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This issue of our technology newsletter focuses on technology resources to help you in your teaching.

Safari Montage

Description: Safari Montage is a video collection with some 800 titles at many grade levels. Videos are searchable by subject, keyword and Illinois state standard. You can create your own playlists. Videos are typically broken into short sections to make it easy to show clips and then discuss. Many titles have lesson plans, and many have accompanying quizzes.

How to access: Login to FirstClass. Open the Dvorak Teachers workspace (doubleclick). Open Bookmarks. Open "Safari Montage Login" OR open your web browser. Go to this website:

<http://10.45.63.16/SAFARI/montage/login.php>

Use your FirstClass login and password to login to Safari.

Uses: If you have a laptop at school, borrow an LCD projector from Mr. Davis or Mr. Atchison and show the video to the entire class. Or assign the video to students to watch on the classroom computers.

BrainPop and BrainPop Jr.

Description: BrainPop and BrainPop Jr. are websites of short animated cartoons on many subjects. The content is good. Each video includes a quiz and activities. The quiz may be taken as "graded" or for review only, and graded quizzes can be emailed to the teacher. BrainPop Jr. looks to be good for lower grades, and includes more activities and two levels of quizzes.

How to access: In your web browser. Go to this site:

BrainPop: <http://www.brainpop.com/>
BrainPop Jr.: <http://www.brainpopjr.com/>

Student login: dvorak
Student password: dolphins

The teacher login has been sent to your FirstClass email account. This gives you access to additional materials

How to use: Use to introduce new material, reinforce lessons, or as an assessment with the provided quizzes.

MakeBeliefsComix.com

Description: MakeBeliefsComix.com is a free website where students can make their own comic strips (up to four panels). Students can email or print their comic strip.

How to access: Go to <http://makebeliefscomix.com> and follow the on-screen instructions.

Uses: Comic strips are a fun way to work on story ideas, writing dialog, reflection or even (short) science or social studies reports. They can spice up a science fair project!

Digital cameras

Description: We have 18 digital cameras available for classroom use. These cameras are very easy to use (basically point-and-click).

How to access: In FirstClass, open the Dvorak Teachers workspace. Open the Digital Cameras calendar. Create a new "event" to reserve cameras. Make sure you enter how many cameras you need. Save and close the event. Also, please email Mr. Davis that you are requesting cameras. Cameras are available on a first-come basis.

Uses: Visit Mr. Davis' links page in the staff section on dvoraktech.org. Look for the "Digital cameras in the classroom" section on the dropdown menu for links to sites with lots of ideas on camera use.

Please let Mr. Atchison or Mr. Davis know what topics you are planning on teaching, and we can help you find resources you can use with your classroom technology.