Week of 9/15/14

1. General
   1. Working to encourage a growth mindset (I’m working on this with my own children, too) – Mindset Works website – free for educators – lots of great tools to explain this thinking of “growing intelligence” -- <http://www.mindsetworks.com/free-resources/enjoy.aspx> and their video gallery (quick, interesting one from Michael Jordan, too) -- <http://www.mindsetworks.com/webnav/videogallery.aspx>
   2. Check out one article from Mindset Works that kids can read to better understand their potential – *see attachment*  and a quick video showing differences between a growth mindset and a fixed mindset -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8JycfeoVzg&list=PLwrHA9rJu3ybuh85eQ6CTLlC67iQpbY8_&index=4>
   3. Common Core Connect – website with lots of great resources & tools – <http://commoncore.tcoe.org/home> (for example, math – click the “math” tab & go to quicklinks – there will be a list down the right-hand side where you can find various topics of instruction & within those, various lesson plans, activities, etc. – an especially helpful looking one is under “Mathematical Practices” called Math Assessment Project; there are even some great ***social studies*** resources!
   4. Nice looking resource for research strategies -- <http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2014/09/lesson-plans-and-road-map-for-teaching.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=freetech4teachers#.VBBwQ8JdXTp>
   5. Great list of apps for phones that could help in planning, finding book levels, randomly calling on students, etc. -- <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/iphone-apps-for-classroom-monica-burns?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=post&utm_campaign=blog-8iphoneapps-apple-live>
   6. Some great apps to introduce various concepts – math, of course, but also some cool science & vocab apps – <https://www.yahoo.com/tech/8-great-games-that-will-make-your-kids-smarter-95136929769.html?soc_src=mags>
2. Science
   1. Is yawning contagious (even in wolves)? – also touches on animals mimicking human behaviors-- <https://newsela.com/articles/wolves-yawning/id/5060/>
3. Social Studies
   1. Egyptian mummies anyone? – also touches on some science of mummification -- <https://newsela.com/articles/mummies-age/id/4907/>
   2. Constitution Day activities -- <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/curriculum/socialstudies/elementary/celebratcon.pdf> and <http://scsstech.weebly.com/constitution-day.html>
4. ELA
   1. Word within a word lists (if you need them) -- <http://www.buncombe.k12.nc.us/cms/lib5/NC01000308/Centricity/Domain/5012/Word-Within-A-Word-Lists-1-7.pdf>
   2. Nice teacher website with lists, flashcards, practice quizzes (kids can check themselves, & the program tells what part of the definition is wrong, too) -- <http://www.dukeofdefinition.com/W-W-W_vocab.htm>
5. Math
6. Encore
   1. Technology – hype about new iphones & using sapphire as building material -- <https://newsela.com/articles/sapphire-apple/id/5137/>
   2. Health / PE – article about Rice from the Ravens – could open up interesting dialogue about dangers of abusive relationships, maybe about expectations of character for professional athletes -- <https://newsela.com/articles/ravens-termination/id/5139/>
   3. Art – article about various attempts to determine where Impressionist painting begin – really interesting details about solving this mystery -- <https://newsela.com/articles/physics-monet/id/5106/>
7. Just for fun…



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