

Bringing the World to Your Students:

Blogging

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Role of Students



- Check the blog at school and at home.
- Answer questions posted by teacher on the blog.
- Complete class work related to the project.
- Write occasional comments and questions to the participating teacher.
- Have fun with it and imagine what it would be like to be there!

Summary

This session teaches the techno-novice about blogging, and gives experienced bloggers novel ways to use free Internet distance learning tools to enhance student learning experiences. Techno-novices will leave the session able to set up and use their own blog. Experienced bloggers will have the opportunity to discuss innovative, exciting blogging ideas with experienced bloggers. We hope you'll join us.

Jacob's Teacher at Sea blog
<http://www.jacobtanenbaum.com/noaa08/index.html>

Kottie's New Zealand blog
<http://www.socsdteachers.org/kchristieblick/newzealand>

Sharing Experiences and Adventures with Students



Role of Teacher at Remote Location



- Prepare static portions of the Web site before embarking.
- Communicate goals of blog to students and classroom teachers.
- Train teachers and students at your school to blog.
- Help students understand the purpose of the trip and the blog.
- Write blog entries each day while on the trip.

A Blog is a Web Log, an On-line Journal

- A web site template that's easy to use.

Longo Longo School, Tonga



Because it's so close to the equator, Tonga stays warm all year round. Even though it's winter here now in June, the days are warm and sunny, with highs around 80° F.

Previous Posts

- ♦ Christchurch vs. Manhattan
- ♦ Chirpy Visits Australia
- ♦ Chirpy Just Wants to Have Fun
- ♦ Reading, Reading? Reading!
- ♦ Wainoni School
- ♦ Global Warming
- ♦ Kea, Kaka, Kiwi and More
- ♦ Inside a Rainforest
- ♦ Camouflage Game
- ♦ Bungy Jumping
- ♦ Ms. Christie-Blick's New Zealand Web Page
- ♦ Ms. Christie-Blick's Home Page

- It's ongoing, for short or long periods of time.
- It's interactive: users' comments are seen by all.
- It's free!

Advantages of a Blog

- Teachers and students are creating information for the World Wide Web, not just consuming information.
- Motivating for children.
- Gives students unique, global experiences.

- Students can collaborate with adults.
- Participants do not have to be on the computer at the same time.



- Fulfills goals of 21st century learning.
- Techno-novices are able to be successful.

Bringing Your Blog to Life

- Words
- Colors
- Graphics
- Photos
- Videos
- Podcasts
- Web site links
- Google Earth link
- Sounds

Mairehau School, New Zealand



Click here to see animated movies about Global Warming.
 Click here to play Climate Change games.
 Click here to read more about Climate Change.
 Click "comments" below to share one thing you've learned about, or wonder about, Climate Change.

Role of Teacher in the Classroom



- Encourage students to visit the blog.
- Assist students in using the blog.
- Focus the students so real learning takes place.
- Use information on the blog as a teaching tool for other subjects.
- Send comments, questions, and feedback to the traveling teacher.