

WHAT'S **new**

Any K–12 teacher in a U.S. school is eligible to apply for a **Samsung 850DX document camera**. Samsung Techwin America is offering 50 document cameras to K–12 teachers based on need. The goal of the grant program is to help teachers upgrade the quality of technology tools in U.S. schools. Applications are due June 15, 2009.



MORE INFO: www.samsunggrants.com

Excelsior has introduced **Pinnacle Suite**, a system that implements standards-based learning by aligning curriculum and assessments with instructional practices. The centerpiece of the suite is the gradebook, which supports standards-based learning environments. Web-based and designed to be easy to use, the gradebook puts instruction and assessment in the hands of teachers. Pinnacle aims to bring together all the pieces that school leaders need to make effective data-informed decisions and build a culture of academic success.



MORE INFO: www.pinnaclesuite.com



Science Buddies is a free website that offers resources

for K–12 science fair participants. This website supports hands-on science activities with free Web-based tools, an ask-an-expert feature, an online network of scientists, and college and high school students available to help.

MORE INFO: www.sciencebuddies.org

Perception Zone is a series of downloadable interactive 3D computer games designed to help kids ages 3–8 learn to recognize, manipulate, move, and build using 3D objects. Created by Univers Numeriques, a French publisher of educational video games, Perception Zone is available in French and English. The price per episode is \$5.99.

MORE INFO: www.iangoo.com

Children of all ages can use **MakeBeliefsComix** to improve their literacy skills as well as practice their language lessons. The free website allows kids to create comic strips by choosing from a selection of characters and facial expressions, adding word balloons, and coming up with their own text in English, French, Italian, German, Latin, Spanish, and Portuguese.



MORE INFO: www.makebeliefscomix.com

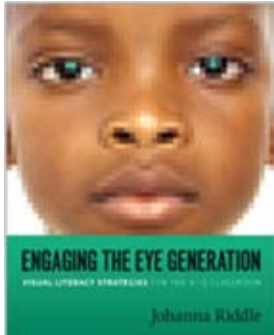
Don Johnston Inc. has created **Faceland** software to help children with autism, Asperger's syndrome, and developmental deficiencies recognize and react to facial expressions. Faceland provides a set of interactive online tools that use an amusement park theme to guide children through a variety of common expressions. Available for Mac and PC for \$179.



MORE INFO: www.donjohnston.com/faceland

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Engaging the Eye Generation

by Johanna Riddle provides educators with activities in comprehension, critical thinking, and communication that emphasize both visual and information literacy. In addition to practical examples of lessons and units, Riddle shares her own learn-

ing process to help readers adopt the best practices outlined in the book.

MORE INFO: www.stenhouse.com

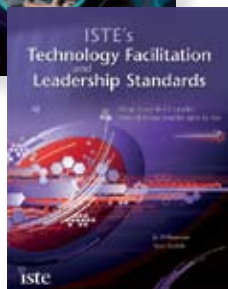


The **Smart Table** is an interactive multimedia display designed specifically for students ages 4–8. Teachers can choose from more than 6,600 activities and customize them for various subjects and grade levels. Students interact with the table using the touch screen. They can draw, paint, write, and solve math problems using common hand motions.

MORE INFO: www.smarttech.com/st/en-US/Products/SMART+Table/default.htm



ISTE recently released two books, **Interactive Videoconferencing** by Kecia Ray and Jan Zanetis, and



Technology Facilitation and Leadership Standards: What Every K-12 Leader Should Know and Be Able to Do by Jo Williamson and Traci Redish. *Interactive Videoconferencing* provides educators with lesson plans and shows them how to use

interactive videoconferencing with Web 2.0 technologies to provide learning opportunities to students. ISTE's *Technology Facilitation and Leadership Standards* offers benchmarks for educators and administrators. Readers will find hands-on practical lessons, case studies, and discussion questions that help to increase skills and competencies.

MORE INFO: www.iste.org/bookstore

Guaranteach has introduced a Web-based **math video library** of more than 4,000 recordings covering K–12 math topics. The various tutors use different teaching styles and have created videos diverse enough to cover just about any learning style. Parents and teachers can provide students with unlimited access to these tutorials for \$4.95 a month.

MORE INFO: www.guaranteach.com

Apple Inc. recently released **iLife '09**, which features upgrades to iPhoto, iMovie, and GarageBand, giving users the ability to organize photos, create movies, and learn to play music. The Apple website provides video tutorials that will walk you through ways to use these applications in your classroom. They also offer a \$249 K–12 school site license. (Mac only.)

MORE INFO: <http://store.apple.com/us/product/MB966Z/A?node=MTY1NDAzOA&mco=MzA3MjU1NQ>





The National Museum of the American Indian has put its **collection of Indian art and artifacts** online. It has one



of the most extensive collections in the world, with 825,000 items spanning more than 12,000 years of history and more than 1,200 historic and contemporary indigenous cultures. Visitors can take

a tour or search the website for objects, places, peoples and cultures, and artists and individuals.

MORE INFO: www.americanindian.si.edu/searchcollections

GoKnow's **mobile learning environment** enables teachers to create comprehensive lessons with a broad range of media and third-party applications. Students can work with the learning activities by syncing their computers with their teachers' computers via the Internet. The MLE includes programs that let students map concepts, animate their drawings, surf relevant parts of the Internet, and integrate their lessons and assignments. It also includes mini versions of Microsoft Word and Excel.

MORE INFO: www.goknow.com

Innovative Language now offers a program called **Pocket Language** for the iPhone and iTouch. It features audio lessons, a voice recorder tool, and touch screen controls. Best suited for learners age 12 and older.



MORE INFO: www.innovativelanguage.com/products/Pocket

Chatterbox offers more than **120 ready-to-use lesson plans**, disguised as a game, to help children learn life skills. The game covers topics such as people skills, money management, and goal planning. It is designed to improve student achievement and test scores, increase self-confidence, decrease class disruptions, and improve school culture.

MORE INFO: 1.800.279.5636; <http://chatterboxgames.com>

Tell Me More is a language software program that provides interactive and real-world learning experiences. This program includes learning opportunities for children in reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, vocabulary, and culture with immediate feedback to improve students' pronunciation.

MORE INFO: www.tellmemore.com

UNESCO has created an interactive **Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger**. Parents, teachers, and students can search 2,500 languages that are facing extinction as well as 230 that have disappeared since 1950. The online edition of the atlas is free.



MORE INFO: www.unesco.org/culture/ich/index.php?pg=00206

Coming Next Issue in **L&L**

Going Portable

Selecting the right portable computing device is important to maximize learning. Jennifer Corn, Brian Bouterse, and Elizabeth O. Halstead of the Friday Institute for Educational Innovation in North Carolina offer six questions to consider before launching a portable technology-enhanced learning environment.

Brightboards Can Outshine Whiteboards

Interactive brightboards offer a cheaper way to engage all students in a classroom when an interactive whiteboard isn't available. Keith Vallis, head of learning technologies at Barker College in New South Wales, talks about what you need to get started.

Show Me How to Get the Money

Wondering how you can still get stimulus money to fund transformational ed tech programs at your school? Davis Brock, director of technology for Elmore County Public Schools in Wetumpka, Alabama, shares his strategies for applying for grants.