



Building a Teacher's Toolbox
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Has the suspense been building since the two newsletters were sent out a few weeks back? Are you anticipating the "news" and wondering what I could possibly have to share with you? Are you trying to remember what it is that I am keeping you in suspense about?

Well, here it is...I have started a blog! Yes, you might say, a blog?!? Well, as part of an Integrated Technology online course that I am taking, I had to establish a goal to work on from now until January 28, 2011. My goal is to try to put the newsletter on the blog and have a collaboration of ideas and sharing. Now, I emphasize for you, "try". I have never started a blog before. The only time I have blogged was for an online course this past summer, but I was not the moderator, just a commentator. This should prove to be a learning lesson for me, and I expect many curves along the way.

I do not plan to stop the newsletter from going to your email; I would just like to enhance the newsletter and for those that are ready to go "blogging", you can join me. For those that are not comfortable with the idea, you will still receive the newsletter emailed to you.

As I have to do assignments, I will ask you for your input on the blog about them and this will be included in the newsletters as well. My hope is that the blog can become a place where all of you can become active participants in the exchanges that we have.

My long term outcome is to be able to include attachments directly into the blog as "hyperlinks" so that you do not have to do anything but click right on the link. I hope to delve deeply into what the blog site can offer to me and also to you. Right now I am a complete novice at this so don't

expect too much at the beginning, and hopefully we will learn much together along the way!

The blog address is: <http://nhldnews.wordpress.com>

I have posted my latest blog and a question to help us to begin to learn more about each other and our profession. My hope is that this blog will become a sort of ongoing professional development between experienced educators.

If you have difficulty in accessing the blog, let me know and I will try to help you.

For those of you that do not want to access the blog, the question that I would like to pose for you is: What is one teaching strategy that you recommend to use with your learners? If you could email me with your response, I will add it to the blog and give you credit for it.

Good luck to you if you decide to join me in my blogging adventure! I hope that many of you will give it a try!