



Building a Teacher's Toolbox  
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Holiday cooking and baking! Just the word alone conjures up aromas that are just too delicious! Thanksgiving smells still linger in my mind and the thought of baking Christmas cookies makes my mouth water... The scents of turkey cooking, and cookies baking, it is just too delicious to fathom.

But, did you ever think that a computer application might be delicious? This is one of the computer applications that I will be learning about soon. From what I know of it, I can put all of my favorite bookmarks into a central account that can be accessed from any computer! This sounds great to me since I work from home mostly, and then go teach at Salem High School two nights a week. It would be great to be able to "find" those great bookmarks that I find when doing lesson planning.

What also appeals to me is that I can "tag" the bookmarks with certain headers so I can easily find the specific bookmark I am looking for. I will continue to share tidbits with you as I learn about them. This one I have not perused yet, but thought that I would share it with you.

During the length of this Technology Integration course, I know that I will be inundated with computer information since there is so much information out there. As I learn new tools, and learn how to use them myself, I will share them with you.

I would like to thank Jeremy Van Der Kerr, Chris Powers and Judy Fournier for joining me in my blog endeavor. For those of you who have not ventured out to the site, here it is: <http://nhldnews.wordpress.com>

You can also access it from the Adult Education website, which is:  
[www.nhadulted.org](http://www.nhadulted.org)

The topic that we have been blogging about is: what classroom strategy would you recommend to use in the class?

The three responses have centered around the use of agendas and schedules to keep the students focused, on task, and responsible. Might you have anything to add to this? If you are not comfortable with going to the blog, please email me and I will add it to the blog.

At our last Mentor Meeting, Chris Powers and I were sharing about our experience with the technology course. I was excited to share about my blog and that I had some activity. Chris had told the group that there is a term for those that may visit a blog but not add a reply. The term is "lurker"~sounds creepy to me, but if you are a "lurker" would you just let me know by either the blog or by email that you have looked at it. I would love to know how many people are actually visiting the site. This is all part of the outcomes that I have to share at the end of the course.

Now, to segue away from technology, this is the last newsletter for the year of 2010, or so I think! I don't think that I will be doing another one between now and December 31<sup>st</sup>, but you never know!

Volume 3! I can't believe that! will begin on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011! I promise you, that newsletter will focus on some notes on autism that I have been waiting to get out to you.

After I share with you about autism, I will focus on ODD, or oppositional defiant disorder.

Enjoy the holiday season and see you in 2011!