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## TECHNOLOGY FOR TEACHERS

This week the TechTrainer is featuring several tech sites that may be useful to teachers in their classrooms. With the vast majority of the internet being used for advertising and opinion it is sometimes hard to find teaching related sites that can engage students and still accomplish what the teacher wants. There are several good sites out there that aggregate website listings pertaining to education. Some of these sites even give educators tips about technology. Below you will find links to a few of these sites. Be warned however, it could take you a while to wade through every bit of data these sites have collected for you. Spend some time and you might find some very useful teaching resources.

1. Tammy's Technology Tips for Teachers is featured at <http://www.tammyworchester.com> and includes monthly tips, internet links, and ideas and activities for use with students.
2. Internet 4 Classrooms is a site brought to us thanks to Kim Patterson. It houses a multitude of links to sites pertaining to education. You can find it at <http://www.internet4classrooms.com/>.
3. The final site is brought to you courtesy of my lovely wife, Nicole, who showed it to me the other day. It is a public "bookmark" website at <http://www.myhq.com/public/c/e/ceverett/>. The composer of the page is a teacher from Michigan.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND TRAINING

\*Acuity Diagnostic 3 March 15<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
\*MS/HS Moodle Training March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in the downstairs computer lab.

## PRODUCTIVITY TIP #26

Have you ever started typing in Word without looking at your screen and you soon realized that you typed quite a bit of your paper with the "Caps Lock" key on. Well many people would just give up and start over but there is a much easier way to save your work from the disaster. To fix this problem select the paragraph or paragraphs that are typed incorrectly. Next navigate to the "Format" menu and find the option that says "Change Case." When you select this option you will see a number of different choices. The one that will help you correct the paper the quickest is most likely the "sentence case" selection. By selecting this option Word will format your sentences with correct capitalization (This tip actually will work for most sentences you type, even if you only capitalized one or two words incorrectly).

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### IE SPELLCHECKER

ieSpellchecker is free for personal use, so why not try it out. It is a great add-on to Internet Explorer allowing you to check your spelling before creating a blog post, web email, commenting on a forum, writing on someone's wall in facebook, or any other typing you might work on in your IE browser. Once installed it adds an option under tools that allows you to scan the entirety of a page or entry and look for misspelled words. It even gives suggestions just like Word or OpenOffice would for a typed paper. In the world of digital print it can help keep you looking like you are at the head of the class. You can find it at <http://www.iespell.com>.