

Teacher Statement:

Writing a Plan for Teaching the Curriculum Web

My teaching situation in relation to working with fourth grade students is much better now than it would have been a year ago. Our school is only two years old, and we began with very little software, few computers with Internet links, and very few resources. Now in fact, our school is equipped with much of the latest software, and it is easy to get students involved in technological projects.

The students I have are a mix of high and low academic performance, as well as variations of knowledge in technology. I have already taught them how to use the Internet and Inspiration. Students use my web site to stay up on weekly and monthly assignments and projects, so they navigate this site well. Our class has also completed a research paper with a bibliography and an accompanying power point presentation, so students know how to do this work including references for web sites. The students are now strong in knowledge of technology, but I still need to teach them how to create web searches and web pages for the web site.

My class web site is a blessing and I don't know what I did before I had the site. I forced myself to learn HTML due to the fact that my husband and children were very knowledgeable. I took a few classes at West Georgia to understand distance learning and use of computers in the classroom setting, then I decided to develop a web site that would help me as I taught my students. I began with just a few pages on Geocities, which was a free provider, then I expanded as I got more greedy to know more about the Web and how to use its assets. My students have everything available to them, as they know what projects are coming up, their weekly homework and the class expectations.