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Media Center Newsletter

For Brookside & Woodland School Staff

TrueFLIX & FreedomFLIX Databases



Need ideas for Social Studies & Science? Check out our new, fabulous databases with hundreds of eBooks, whiteboard activities (see above), reproducible quizzes & lesson plans!

Both databases offer a wide variety of Social Studies/Science topics. New topics are added all the time! Teachers have flexibility in how to implement the resource: all students can access either the same or, a variety of content at same time on their own devices. These resources can be used for instruction, individual research or simply for enrichment.

Access anywhere Internet is available on any tablets or laptops!

TrueFLIX (Gr 3-5) — http://tfx.grolier.com

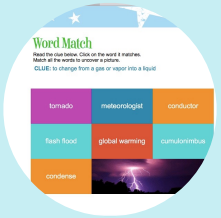
FreedomFLIX (Gr 4-8) — http://freedomflix.digital.scholastic.com

Brookside Credentials	Woodland Credentials
Username: purplefalcons	Username: wlandflix
Password: brookside	Password: flix



Awesome Videos

Every FLIX unit has a 2-min video to hook your students into the topics!



Games/Prompts

Every FLIX unit has games for engaging assessments of the unit content.



Research Links

Appropriate & up-to-date websites for research projects.

By the "Brook"

Library news from Brookside

The first month of school really flies! Thank you all for helping by streamlining the return baskets on Media day, promoting library recess to your students, and of course utilizing me and the resources of the library. Please always feel free to reach out to me with ideas, good reads and requests! Something new this year:

Library Research/Space by Appointment.

Available Periods: Mondays-7th. Thursdays-2nd/3rd.

Some Ideas:

Research on Topics - I will lead your classroom to search on topics of your choice utilizing library collection, online databases and public library digital resources (e.g. encyclopedias and journal articles).

Genre Booktalks/Check-out - I will lead your classroom with booktalks on the genre of your choice. Genre collection will be on display. Students will be able to browse/search for book report titles with my support. They can then get your approval on the spot!

Special Projects that require research, space, large tables and my assistance! You could book Thursdays 2nd/3rd period back to back.

Your Ideas - I am open to any initiatives!

Appointments: Just e-mail me with your request a week before.

TRIVIA CONTEST!!

Test your library knowledge and try for a prize! Read the questions below and email your answers to Chien-Ju Lin at BS or Joan Kofke at WL. If all three answers are correct, you will have your name entered into a drawing for a prize; one prize per school! Please submit by Fri., 10/7/2016.

1. Which superheroine works as a librarian during the day?
2. Who founded the nation's first lending library in 1731?
3. What famous New Jersey author published what book in 1996 about an unexpected U.S. presidential election?

Walk in the "Woods"

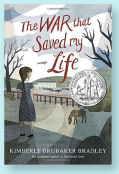
Library news from Woodland

I hope you have all had a good start to the new year. Some of you have already popped into the library for resources. That is great! Keep coming! Just a reminder; if you know you will need a set of books, just send me an email listing what you need and I will pull them for you. Here are two other reminders for the beginning of the school year.

Library Reading Challenge. I will be introducing the reading challenge to all classes this week; explaining the rules, requirements and the time frame. Teacher-assigned books can be used for the reading challenge. I ask, however, that teachers initial the students' charts when they finish reading the book. I am looking forward to having many students participate in this year's challenge.

World Book Online. We have renewed our subscription to this great online database. You and your students may access this from school or from home by logging on to: worldbookonline.com and entering the I.D.: wlstudent and the password: woodland. As a reminder, there are three interfaces to search based on three reading levels, which allow you to differentiate on three levels on the same topic. (Kids, Discover, Student) There is also a Spanish interface and a Timelines interface for this database. And one more reminder; you have the ability to translate the articles into other languages for the benefit of your ESL students.

Great Kid's Titles Adults Should Read!



The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley - "… This is a feel-good story, but an earned one… distinct and powerful in its own right." - *The Horn Book*

Kid Owner by Tim Green - "… short, cliff-hanger chapters & snappy dialogue … well-crafted middle grade sports novel." - *School Library Journal*

