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TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION SPOTLIGHT: HEIDI STINEBRICKNER (MS MATH)

Earlier this year, Gowana teacher Heidi Stinebrickner explored the potential of using an interactive SMART Board with her 8th grade math students. After familiarizing herself with the technology, she utilized the SMART Board to help students visualize and understand the transformation of



figures. According to Heidi, rotating a figure precisely around a certain coordinate point is difficult to demonstrate free hand or on an overhead projector. "With the SMART board," she said, "the students can see



SMART Board is an interactive whiteboard that connects to a computer and is used in conjunction with a projector. Students and teachers control the computer image by directly touching the whiteboard and using special markers rather than a mouse.

The district owns one SMART Board which is located in the MS E-Library but may be checked out by MS teachers for classroom use. Contact a MS Librarian or Lead Teacher for additional information and training.

exactly what effect the rotation has on the figure and come to their own generalizations." Students were highly motivated to try the SMART Board themselves, which likely deepened their conceptual understanding. Heidi now has additional ideas for integrating this technology in her curriculum. Her advice to other teachers: "...practice with it so that your confidence level is high. Then, you won't be afraid to let the students participate for fear they will change something you cannot undo." Kudos to Heidi for trying a new method to engage students and deliver instruction effectively.

DID YOU KNOW...



Internet Explorer 7 WORKS with Infinite Campus 2007! Once Shen's Infinite Campus database is updated to the 2007 version (scheduled for the week of 3/5), it WILL WORK with **Internet Explorer 7**. This is only of concern to users who installed I.E. 7 on their computers and found it wasn't compatible with prior versions of Campus.



Outlook Email Signature

You can create an automatic *signature* for Outlook email messages. Use the **Tools** menu to select **Options**. Click the **Mail Format** tab. Click the **Signatures** button. Click the **New** button. Give this signature a name. Click **Next**. Type and format your signature. Click **OK**. Notice the signature will be used for *new* messages. You may also choose to use this signature for replies and forwards. Click **OK**.

Upcoming Educational Technology Training

	Date	Time
Infinite Campus Classroom	Mar 7	8:30-11:00 or 12:30-3:00
Multimedia Design	Mar 29	8:30-11:00
Digital Imaging Projects	Mar 29	12:30-3:00
FrontPage: Website Design for Teachers	Apr 19	9am-3pm
Curriculum Development with Technology	Apr 20	9am-3pm (half or full day)
FrontPage: Website Design for Teachers	May 3	9am-3pm
Curriculum Development with Technology	May 4	9am-3pm (half or full day)

To register, obtain prior approval from your school and fill out the registration form at www.shenet.org/district/staffdevelopment/SDRRegistrationForm.pdf or call Toni Palko, Staff Dev secretary, at x68410.

WORTHY WEBSITE



<http://www.spellingtime.com/>

SpellingTime is an online spelling tutorial for grades K-5th that promotes spelling success via multimedia reinforcement and independent learning. Teachers, parents or children can enter spelling words each Monday and SpellingTime.com will create a 4-step, instructional learning program that combines effective use of technology and good old fashion repetition and reward processes.