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All About Me

Summary: Creating an autobiographical, multimedia presentation
Grade Level: Intermediate
Time Allotted: Approximately 1 week
Software Needed: Microsoft PowerPoint 97, Microsoft Word 97
Curriculum Connection: Language Arts, Social Studies

Animal Logic

Summary: Learning about zoological classification
Grade Level: Intermediate, Middle School
Time Allotted: Approximately 1 week
Software Needed: Microsoft Excel or Microsoft Works, Microsoft Encarta 97 Encyclopedia, Microsoft Word 97
Curriculum Connection: Science, Math

Bridging the Generation Gap

Summary: Studying the attitudinal differences between generations
Grade Level: High School
Time Allotted: Approximately 2 weeks
Software Needed: Microsoft Word 97, Microsoft Excel 97, Microsoft PowerPoint 97
Curriculum Connection: Language Arts, Social Studies, Math

Buy Low/Sell High

Summary: Developing an investment portfolio
Grade Level: High School
Time Allotted: Approximately 6-12 weeks
Software Needed: Microsoft Word 97, Microsoft Excel 97, Microsoft PowerPoint 97
Curriculum Connection: Math, Economics

Buying a Dream Car

Summary: Evaluating the real cost of car ownership
Grade Level: High School

Time Allotted: Approximately 4 weeks
Software Needed: Microsoft Excel 97
Curriculum Connection: Math, Economics

Campaign Hot Buttons

Summary: Defining the issues, from poll to presentation
Grade Level: High School
Time Allotted: Three to six class periods
Software Needed: Microsoft Excel 97, Microsoft Word 97, Microsoft PowerPoint 97
Curriculum Connection: Social Studies, Language Arts, Science

Candy is Dandy

Summary: Researching color distribution of M&M's
Grade Level: Middle School
Time Allotted: Approximately 2-3 days
Software Needed: Microsoft Word 97, Microsoft Excel 97
Curriculum Connection: Geography, Language Arts, Social Studies

Celebrate the U.S.A.

Summary: Creating a promotional campaign
Grade Level: Middle School
Time Allotted: Approximately 4 weeks
Software Needed: Microsoft Word 97, Microsoft Excel 97, Microsoft PowerPoint 97, Microsoft Publisher 97
Curriculum Connection: Geography, Language Arts, Social Studies

Code Crackers Math Game

Summary: Creating a "rule machine" to test operations
Grade Level: Middle School
Time Allotted: One class period
Software Needed: Microsoft Excel 97
Curriculum Connection: Math

Creating Your Own Web Site

Summary: Designing Web pages to be published on the Internet
Grade Level: Middle School, High School
Time Allotted: Approximately 1 week
Software Needed: Microsoft Word 97, Microsoft Publisher 97
Curriculum Connection: Language Arts

Don't Trash the Earth

Summary: A hands-on lesson in recycling
Grade Level: Intermediate, Middle School
Time Allotted: Approximately 6-12 weeks
Software Needed: Microsoft Excel 97, Microsoft PowerPoint 97, Greetings Workshop or Microsoft Publisher 97
Curriculum Connection: Science, Language Arts, Math

Endangered Species

Summary: Exploring imperiled animals and their habitats
Grade Level: Intermediate, Middle School
Time Allotted: Approximately 1 week
Software Needed: Microsoft Encarta 98 Encyclopedia Deluxe, Microsoft Encarta Virtual Globe, 1998 Edition
Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0, Microsoft Word 97, Microsoft PowerPoint 97
Curriculum Connection: Science, Language Arts

For the Record

Summary: Developing a customized database by classifying, sorting, and analyzing
Grade Level: Middle School
Time Allotted: Approximately 1-2 weeks
Software Needed: Microsoft Access 97
Curriculum Connection: Language Arts, Math

It's All in the (Chocolate) Chips

Summary: Investigating the chocolate quotient of your favorite cookie
Grade Level: Intermediate/Middle School
Time Allotted: Two class periods
Software Needed: Microsoft Excel 97, Microsoft Word 97, Microsoft PowerPoint 97
Curriculum Connection: Science, Math

Just Desserts

Summary: Learning spreadsheet fundamentals
Grade Level: Middle School
Time Allotted: Approximately 5 weeks
Software Needed: Microsoft Word 97, Microsoft Excel 97
Curriculum Connection: Language Arts, Social Studies

Making Ends Meet

Summary: Developing a monthly budget
Grade Level: Middle School
Time Allotted: Approximately 1 week
Software Needed: Microsoft Word 97, Microsoft Excel 97
Curriculum Connection: Language Arts, Math, Economics

Newsworthy Journey

Summary: Creating a newspaper reflecting life in ancient Egypt or Mexico
Grade Level: Middle School, High School
Time Allotted: Approximately 4 weeks
Software Needed: Microsoft Encarta 97 Encyclopedia, Microsoft Word 97, Microsoft Publisher 97, Internet Explorer
Curriculum Connection: History, Language Arts

Nutrition Track

Summary: Comparing a daily diet with the USDA recommended food allowance
Grade Level: Intermediate, Middle School
Time Allotted: Approximately 2 weeks
Software Needed: Microsoft Excel 97, Microsoft Word 97, Microsoft Encarta 97 Encyclopedia
Curriculum Connection: Health, Math

Planning a School Event

Summary: Researching and developing a publicity campaign
Grade Level: Intermediate, Middle School
Time Allotted: Approximately 2-4 weeks
Software Needed: Publisher 97 or Greetings Workshop
Curriculum Connection: Language Arts

Solving Polynomial Equations

Summary: Smart spreadsheet strategies for finding x and y
Grade Level: High School
Time Allotted: Two class periods
Software Needed: Microsoft Excel 97
Curriculum Connection: Math

Space Case

Summary: Selling the public on a new planetary mission
Grade Level: Middle School
Time Allotted: Three to four class periods

Software Needed: Microsoft Encarta 98 Encyclopedia Deluxe, Microsoft Publisher 97, Microsoft PowerPoint 97
Curriculum Connection: Science, Language Arts

Three Squirrels and a Pile of Nuts

Summary: A fiendishly fun story problem to solve
Grade Level: Middle School
Time Allotted: One or two class periods
Software Needed: Microsoft Excel 97, Microsoft Word 97 or Microsoft Publisher 97
Curriculum Connection: Math

Traits R Us!

Summary: Celebrating diversity in the classroom community
Grade Level: High School
Time Allotted: Three to five class periods
Software Needed: Microsoft Access 97
Curriculum Connection: Science, Social Studies

Understanding Poetry

Summary: Researching, analyzing, and presenting a personal interpretation of a poem
Grade Level: Middle School
Time Allotted: Approximately 1 week
Software Needed: Microsoft Word 97, Microsoft PowerPoint 97, Internet Explorer
Curriculum Connection: Language Arts

