Instant Messaging

1. Instant Messaging and It’s Impact on and Recommendations for Student Affairs

<http://www.studentaffairs.com/ejournal/fall_2004/instantmessaging.html>

Brief Annotation:

This, rather old, article from 2004 , introduces and describes what Instant Messaging is. It also gives a few ideas of how to use it in the college level courses. This is not geared towards the elementary level.

1. Instant Message Novels: The Prose of the Future?

<http://www.education.com/magazine/article/Instant_Message_Novels_Prose_the/>

Brief Annotation:

The article begins by talking about how students relate more now to simple, quick things such as ads, texts and pop-ups rather than newspapers. “Instant message novels reflect the way of thinking of future readers, writers, and thinkers.” (Cheri Lucus, <http://www.education.com/magazine/article/Instant_Message_Novels_Prose_the/>

) Although Instant Messaging stories are different, the article questions whether or not they are actually prose.

1. Instant Messaging

<http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/ict/instantmessage.htm>

Brief Annotation:

This idea from Teaching Ideas is very interesting. They recommend that a teacher goes to the computer lab and get everyone signed on. Then students can take a fun “quiz” by Instant Messaging the teacher. The teacher would have already shouted out the question to everyone.

1. Instant Messaging: Friend or Foe of student Writing?

<http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/ict/instantmessage.htm>

Brief Annotation:

As most articles do, this one starts with defining what Instant Messaging is. Then Amanda O’Conner notes the problem that many teachers also notice, students using IM shorthand when the write. Her results were inconclusive as to if IMing is good or bad for student writing.

Podcasting

1. Podcasting in Education

<http://www.guidesandtutorials.com/podcasting-in-education.html>

Brief Annotation:

The website gives a listing of what schools are doing with podcasts. The grades cover everything from grades K to 12. The uses vary depending on the school and the grade levels taught there.

1. Connection between Podcasting and Education

<http://www.onlypodcasting.com/podcasting-articles/podcasting-and-education.php>

Brief Annotation:

Podcasting is a great way to help reinforce whatever the teacher or professor is talking about. It is also a good way to review for tests and quizzes. The author also notes that professors and teachers can use podcasting to bring in guest lecturers into the classroom.

1. Podcasting in Education

<http://www.ehow.com/about_5426281_podcasting-education.html>

Brief Annotation:

The article is a basic “how to” with Podcasting. It also boasts that podcasting is extremely easy to use. The author is advocating that Podcasting is going to be the “next big thing” in the “new technological age”.

1. Podcasting in Education Resources

<http://www.stager.org/podcasting.html>

Brief Annotation:

This website is a listing of resources for educators. It has many different websites for both users of Macs and PCs. It covers everything from the basic “What is Podcasting?” to much more advanced websites.

RSS

1. Blogging and RSS – The “What’s It?” and “How To” of Powerful New Web Tools for Education

<http://www.infotoday.com/MMSchools/jan04/richardson.shtml>

Brief Annotation:

This is a basic website with the definition and does give a couple of ideas about how to use RSS. The author is encouraging teachers and schools to use RSS because they are easy to update and also encourages teachers to collorborate together to use RSS feeds.

1. Use Skype with Students

<http://www.edutopia.org/skype-internet-tool-students>

Brief Annotation:

The author of this Edutopia article encourages teachers to use Skype with our students. Using Skype can give our students advantages by giving them opportunites where students in the past didn’t have one. An example she gives is where “…an ill student was able to stay connected to her teacher and classmates via Skype, returning to school caught up, not behind.” ( Jim Moulton, <http://www.edutopia.org/skype-internet-tool-students>). This is also where students could connect across oceans and learn about other cultures.

1. An e-journey with generation Y: Using Skype in the Classroom

<http://murcha.wordpress.com/2008/12/06/using-skype-in-education/>

Brief annotation:

This gives teachers who are newer to Skype a brief introduction. This also suggests some management issues that may arise and how to prevent them. The best thing in my opinion is that the author also tells some constraints as well as class discipline issues.

1. Skype Across the World in your Classroom

<http://www.committedsardine.com/blogpost.cfm?blogID=1381>

Brief annotation:

Lee Crockett gives the how and why to use Skype in your classroom. He spends more time talking about the how and giving ideas as to Skype’s uses in the classroom. This website seems good to use for whatever level classroom you have.