

# TIPS & TRICKS

## DADE COUNTY TECHNOLOGY

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### Useful Websites

This weeks Tips & Tricks contains a short list of cool websites to use in your classroom...

**National Geographic Maps** - There used to be a link at National Geographic called Xpeditions that contained some very cool printable maps. Now they have a whole "Mapping" section on their site for education. Visit <http://www.nationalgeographic.com> and click on the menu item "Education" and then on the menu item "Mapping" and you will find tons of map activities and games along with many different types of printable maps. Xpeditions is now called "Printable 1-page maps." Look around this site if you have need of any type of map.

**Discovery Education PuzzleMaker** - Visit <http://www.puzzlemaker.com> and you will be forwarded to a page that allows you to create Word Searches, Criss Crosses (Crossword Puzzles), Double Puzzles, Fallen Phrases, Math Squares, Mazes, Letter Tiles, Cryptograms, Number Blocks, and Hidden Message Puzzles.

**Crayola** - Visit <http://www.crayola.com> for many activities and coloring pages along with a section for educators and a lesson plans section. Explore away...

**TeacherTube** - Like YouTube? You'll love TeacherTube at <http://www.teachertube.com>.

**Wordsmyth** - An online dictionary for kids. Visit <http://www.wordsmyth.net> to find the Wordsmyth Comprehensive Dictionary-Thesaurus Suite... including WILD (Wordsmyth Illustrated Learner's Dictionary) and Word Explorer (a children's dictionary).

Check this out: <http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2012/08/great-teacher-websites.html>

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