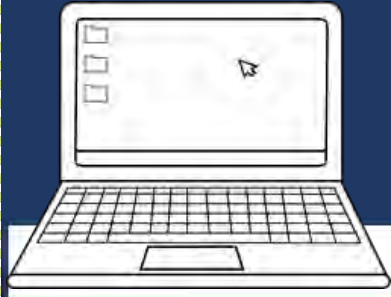




Bits and Bytes



September, 2014 Edition

September Focus...

CONSTITUTION DAY AND FREEDOM WEEK

Constitution Day: Wednesday, September 17th

Freedom Week: September 22nd— 26th

[Click here](#) to access digital resources and lesson ideas to help engage students in Constitution Day and Freedom Week. [Federal and state mandates](#) require all K-12 public school teachers to provide civics lessons to students on these dates.

In addition to the resources, our Instructional Technology Department will be hosting Edmodo Freedom Week groups for SJCSD fourth and seventh grade classes. More details are provided in the digital resources link.

Our Monthly newsletter features interactive elements using Zappar.

To view the interactive content follow these quick and easy steps...

1. Download the Zappar free app
2. Scan the zapcodes



sample zapcode

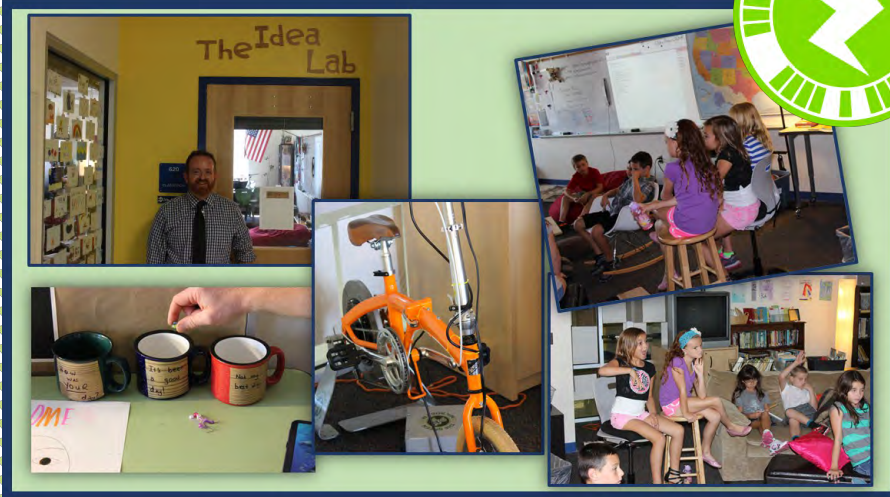


Combine [Doceri](#) and the iPad Camera app in order to record your whiteboard lessons, insert pictures and diagrams, and save the lesson to the camera roll for easy upload to your laptop. Scan the zapcode to learn more.



APP SMASH OF THE MONTH





Sean Farnum is a 3rd grade teacher at Palencia Elementary.

What's Happening in Mr. Farnum's Classroom?

Explore, Create, Collaborate... this is the motto in Sean Farnum's 3rd Grade Classroom at Palencia Elementary School. Mr. Farnum's class features an active learning environment that includes comfortable seating, collaborative learning, and creative exploration.

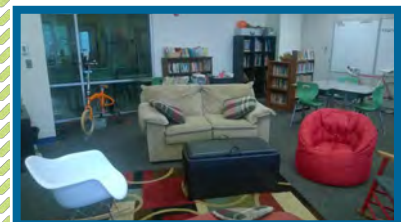
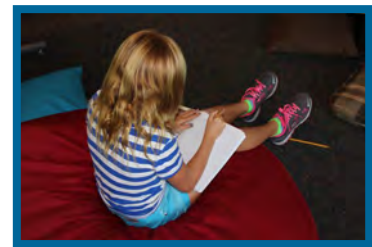
So how did he do it??? Through various and generous donations, Mr. Farnum was able to acquire a variety of flexible seating options to create a comfy family atmosphere for his students. To quote Mr. Farnum, "If school feels like family, families feel welcome." A creative maker-space is in the works, where students will have the opportunity to create various projects with LEGOS, Minecraft blocks, and other tools.

Don't be fooled, it's not all fun and games in Mr. Farnum's Idea Lab. Students are already busy creating interactive digital data notebooks using Microsoft OneNote. Students will use these notebooks to set goals, track academic progress, and share information with parents and teachers. Rather than cluttered walls, student work and digital anchor charts will be shared via a TV monitor.

Want to learn more? Email Mr. Farnum @ sean.farnum@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Would you like to be featured in our monthly newsletter?

Email Brock, Lindsay, or Kristin and let us now how you are using technology to engage students in your classroom.



SEPTEMBER SCOOP IT!

[Click here](#) to
access some
great EdTech
articles.



“Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is most important.”

-Bill Gates

OPINION: Why Modern Learners Need a New Set of Skills



This article discusses the “New 3 R’s”...reflecting, researching, and resolving.

Upcoming Events

WordPress Website Training—
Thursday, September 4th from 4pm-5pm
(Fullerwood Auditorium) *Register in SunGard*

[EdCamp Citrus](#)— Saturday, September
6th from 8am-4pm

SJCSD Inservice Day Trainings— Friday,
September 12th *Register in SunGard*

WordPress Website Training— Tuesday,
September 16th from 4pm-5pm
(Fullerwood Auditorium) *Register in SunGard*

Technology Task Challenges

Each month, our newsletter will feature a technology task challenge. Teachers who would like to participate, should join our Edmodo group and turn in the assignment.

Teachers who successfully complete the challenge will be entered in a drawing for a gift card.

September Teacher Challenge

Materials Needed: 1 iPad

Description: You will download the free Doceri app on your iPad and create a short video tutorial.

Assignment: Click below and complete the task. Join our Task Challenge Edmodo group (code: **4myeat**). Save your video to your library. Turn in the video for the September Task Challenge assignment. Email Kristin Harrington if you have any questions.

[Click here](#) for more details!

[Click here](#) to view our archived Teacher Task Challenges.

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Stay tuned for next month's edition of Bits and Bytes featuring...

- Digital Citizenship Resources
- Padlet Teacher Task Challenge

and more!

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