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Subject: Websites Now Available *Updated*

The following is a list of educational websites that are available for your use. Please see the accompanying email attachment for a spreadsheet for IDs and passwords to be used on the various websites.

BookFlix - Scholastic BookFlix is a new online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks from Weston Woods with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to build a love of reading and learning. The engaging way to link fact and fiction, BookFlix reinforces early reading skills and introduces children to a world of knowledge and exploration.

BrainPOP and BrainPOP Jr. - BrainPOP creates animated, curriculum-based content that supports educators and engages students. Their award-winning online resources include BrainPOP, for grades 3 and up; BrainPOP Jr., for grades K-3. A new resource, BrainPOP Educators, supports the teacher community online with free lesson plans, video tutorials, shared best practices, professional development and presentation tools, and much more. Teachers need to sign up for FREE access to BrainPOP Educators from either brainpop.com or brainpopjr.com.

CultureGrams - The CultureGrams Online Database is a leading reference for concise, reliable, and up-to-date cultural information on countries across the globe. It includes four editions: the World Edition (for junior high school and up) and the Kids, States, and Canadian Provinces editions (for upper elementary school students). CultureGrams links students to country reports that go beyond mere facts and figures to deliver a one-of-a-kind perspective on daily life and culture. It has in-depth reports covering 200+ countries, the United States, and Canada.

Discovery Education – Discovery Education provides engaging digital resources to schools and homes with the goal of making educators more effective, increasing student achievement, and connecting classrooms and families to a world of learning. It includes Discovery Education *streaming* which integrates contains regularly updated multimedia content for all subjects from a source you know, the Discovery Channel, as well as leading educational publishers including the BBC and Scholastic.

Facts4Me.com – Facts4Me.com is an online reference tool for teachers and students at the primary level.

Gale – Gale periodical resources provide in-depth, up-to-date information across the full range of scholarly, academic, business and general interest topics. Gale's *InfoTrac* periodical resources comprise the largest digital collection of magazines, newspapers, journals and other periodicals currently available – with about 18,000 titles and 62 collections.

Grolier Online - Grolier Online is the most authoritative, age-appropriate research and learning resource on the Web today. With over 500,000 links to academically-relevant articles, Web sites and periodicals, Grolier Online is the most trusted first stop in research for students, educators, librarians and parents. The databases include:

- *The New Book of Knowledge* - Fun, easy-to-use, general reference resource helps students gain access to a wide range of topics

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- *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia* - Quick access to reference articles and media resources for a visually rich research experience
- *Encyclopedia Americana* - Gold standard in comprehensive online reference for school, academic, and public libraries

Kids Infobits - Kids InfoBits is a database developed especially for beginning researchers in Kindergarten through Grade 5. Featuring a developmentally appropriate, visually graphic interface, the most popular search method is moving from a broad subject to a narrower topic using the subject-based topic tree. The curriculum-related, age appropriate, full-text content is from the best elementary reference sources and magazines. This database covers geography, current events, the arts, science, health, people, government, history, sports and more.

TeachingBooks.net LLC - TeachingBooks.net is an online database of thousands of multimedia resources you can use to explore children's and young adult books and their authors. They provide immediate access to useful materials and exciting programs (short movies, audio book readings, book discussion guides, and more) that add a multimedia dimension to reading in the classroom, library, and home. Use TeachingBooks.net to look up any favorite author — from David Macaulay to J.K. Rowling, from Dr. Seuss to Shakespeare — or any title (fiction or nonfiction). You instantly get search results filled with online teaching / learning resources about that author or specific book. These resources are also perfect for lesson planning, author studies, and professional development to support the many ways books can be integrated into all subject areas in the K–12 curriculum.

World Book Complete Suite – The World Book Online Reference Center includes access to:

- World Book Kids - World Book Kids features content and tools developed especially for young students. The site offers simple navigation, easy-to-read articles, multimedia, comparison tools, interactive games and activities, and teacher resources.
- World Book Student – This redesigned and upgraded version of World Book Online Reference Center includes the articles of the *World Book Encyclopedia*, a Biography Center, dictionary, atlas, an extensive multimedia collection, thousands of editor-selected Web sites, correlations to curriculum standards, and much more.
- World Book Advanced **-** Designed for high school and college students, World Book Advanced is a powerful reference tool that includes encyclopedic, multimedia, e-book, and primary source databases, fully integrated in a single search.
- Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos - World Book's excellent editorial content, rich media, and interactive features in Spanish.

If you have any questions regarding access to these applications, please contact Paula DiLorenzo at 612-7620 or at pdilorenzo@vs30.org.

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