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*"To teach is to learn twice."* - Joseph Joubert  
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Check out **1, 2, 3 Math Fonts** at [www.justusteachers.com/Math\\_Fonts.html](http://www.justusteachers.com/Math_Fonts.html), the newest way to add graphics to your worksheets, flashcards and posters with no cutting and pasting!

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**RESEARCH LINKS – COMPUTERS IN THE CLASSROOM** - The idea of computers in the classroom is not a new one. But how can they be used best? Do we even need them? If so, what exactly are we supposed to do with them? Check out these articles for a variety of viewpoints.

#### **Young Children Don't Need Computers**

<http://www.naesp.org/ContentLoad.do?contentId=885>

#### **The Link to Higher Scores**

<http://www.edweek.org/sreports/tc98/ets/ets-n.htm>

#### **Computer Lab vs. Classroom Computers**

<http://spectrum.troyst.edu/~techtip/readings/labvsclassroom.htm>

#### **Managing Computers in the Classroom**

[http://www.techlearning.com/db\\_area/archives/WCE/archives/paulalee.htm](http://www.techlearning.com/db_area/archives/WCE/archives/paulalee.htm)

#### **How to Set Up Computers in Your Classroom**

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/professional/teachtech/techsetup.htm>

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**OVERHEARD IN THE CLASSROOM**

"Teacher, you remind me of my mom." Touched, the teacher opened her mouth to reply, when the second grader continued "She's got a big belly too."  
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**FEATURE ARTICLE** – OK, not so much an article so much as a tongue-in-cheek celebration of Christmas, just for teachers!

**The 12 Days of a Teacher's Christmas**

On the first day of Christmas, my students gave to me,  
The flu with a horrible sneeze.

On the second day of Christmas, my students gave to me,  
2 tardy slips,  
And the flu with a horrible sneeze.

On the third day of Christmas, my students gave to me,  
3 tattle-tells,  
2 tardy slips,  
And the flu with a horrible sneeze.

On the fourth day of Christmas, my students gave to me,  
4 playground fights,  
3 tattle-tells,  
2 tardy slips,  
And the flu with a horrible sneeze.

On the fifth day of Christmas, my students gave to me,  
5 Tylenol!  
4 playground fights,  
3 tattle-tells,  
2 tardy slips,  
And the flu with a horrible sneeze.

On the sixth day of Christmas, my students gave to me,  
6 passing notes,  
5 Tylenol!  
4 playground fights,  
3 tattle-tells,  
2 tardy slips,  
And the flu with a horrible sneeze.

(Continue according to the Christmas carol, with the following substitutions)

7 tummy-aches

8 late assignments

9 trading lunches

10 irate parents

11 lame excuses

12 bathroom trips

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**CHRISTMAS MATH LINKS** – Check out these links for a variety of Christmas related worksheets. Incorporate them into your lessons, or use them as stand-alones in these hectic days before the holiday break!

**Multiplication and Subtraction Trees**

<http://www.abcteach.com/Christmas/multiplication.htm>

<http://www.abcteach.com/Christmas/subtraction.htm>

**Christmas themed Math worksheets – Pre-K thru Grade 5**

<http://www.kidzone.ws/math/christmas/>

**Christmas Worksheets from the North Pole**

<http://www.northpole.com/Academy/LearnNumbers.html>

**Christmas Maze**

<http://www.teach-nology.com/worksheets/misc/christmas/maze/>

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**FEATURE LESSONS**

**12 Days of Christmas** – A 4<sup>th</sup> grade lesson to calculate the costs of the items from the Christmas carol “The 12 Days of Christmas”. Can be adapted for younger grades.

<http://dimacs.rutgers.edu/~judyann/LP/lessons/12.days.html>

**Graphing with Gingerbread Men** – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Students will learn how to create a bar graph by using gingerbread man cookies.

[http://www.askeric.org/Virtual/Lessons/Mathematics/Process\\_Skills/MPS0205.html](http://www.askeric.org/Virtual/Lessons/Mathematics/Process_Skills/MPS0205.html)

**Shopping for Toys** – Grades 2-4 - An internet shopping lesson. No internet access for your students? Adapt the lesson by bringing in advertising circulars from your local shopping centers!

<http://score.kings.k12.ca.us/lessons/shop4toy.htm>

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WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!! Do you have a lesson, link or funny story that you would like to see here? We welcome your submissions! E-mail us at [ezine@justusteachers.com](mailto:ezine@justusteachers.com)

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