Time to Blog!

Lesson Plan #1

Lesson Plan for Elementary Students

Overview	Students will learn how to properly use a blog, how to communicate with each other, and how to comment on what others have written.
Objective	Older elementary students will benefit from using Edublogs by learning how to communicate with each other and how to properly use a blog. Students of all ages will learn how to communicate their ideas with their classmates and how to properly respond to something they may agree or disagree with. Teachers can use Edublog with young elementary students as long as they are heavily supervised. Expecting younger students to come up with thought provoking comments is a little far-fetched, and the best way to use an Edublog would probably be to let parents know of upcoming events and assignment due dates. This would be a great place for parents to leave comments on things that are going on in the classroom.
Standards	- Demonstrates an understanding of the central concepts of his or her discipline. - Evaluate student performance to design instruction appropriate for social, cognitive, and emotional development. - Provide opportunities for students to assume responsibility for and be actively engaged in their learning - Designs instruction appropriate to students' stages of development, learning styles, strengths and needs. - Accesses appropriate services or resources to meet exceptional learning needs when needed. - Encourage students to assume responsibility for identifying and using learning resources - Encourages clear procedures and expectations that ensure students assume responsibility for themselves and others, work collaboratively and independently, and engage in purposeful learning activities. - Organizes, prepares students for, and monitors independent and group work that allows for full and varied participation of all individuals - Models effective communication strategies in conveying ideas and information and when asking questions.
Materials	- Computer - EduBlogs Site
Procedure	- Have student's blog about topics that you have put up. - Encourage them to comment on what other students have written. - Make the blog a place where students can find assignment guidelines, due dates, a class calendar, and to post comments about the class.

Evaluation	Older elementary students should be able to successfully post a blog on a given topic and be able to comment on one or two things that their classmates have written