

Techno. Info.

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Please Ponder these Possibly Pertinent and Potentially Pensive Pieces.

Y2K - Will my older computer die on January 1, 2000?

- The answer is no. It will not die. However it might have problems with the date or with software using any date function. Macs claim that their computer will not have any problem - the actual machine (hardware) that is. Both older Mac and PC computer programs might have problems though.
- The Web is loaded with great Y2K sites.
- For some other information on the general Y2K situation: http://www.zdnet.com/anchordesk/story/story_3050.html

More for Teachers to do? - Oh No!

- The educational community is now expecting teachers to possess the many computer skills relevant to their particular assignment. The main purpose is to offer teachers tools that will help to fulfil the awesome tasks before them with effectiveness and professionalism. Once technology is implemented in the classroom, the ultimate winner will of course be the student population. Nevertheless, many teachers feel too overwhelmed to even contemplate an increase use of technology in their classroom. The promise that the computer will eventually help teachers save time is often overshadowed by the reality that the load is already too heavy to carry. Training a teacher does not only involve knowledge acquisition but also hands on application. All would agree that technology training and practice time are needed but - when would it take place? Do not despair, there is hope! =>
- Let's look at two ways the different levels of administration can support teachers in the implementation of the technology plans. . We know that the teacher's hands-on learning can't happen during the school day. To provide both school and home access to a computer seem to be a practical way to support a teacher. In BC, the conference's education department has recently implemented a great program. They are joining with the local school and are financing (2/3) up to \$1600.00 to help a teacher purchase a personal computer. Laptops appear to be the favourite option. It offers portability inside the school and home. Also, In addition to professional Development days the conference will pay for a substitute while a teacher takes a day for technology development. These are two great ways to "create time" for the overwhelmed teacher's technology use.

Help for K-12 French Teachers.

- So, you're "stuck" teaching French. Here is something that may become an even closer friend than your French English dictionary. This free Online Service site is really amazing. It translate from English to French and vice versa. I tested the translation accuracy level with some complex grammatical construction and tenses. The results were surprising - almost always perfectly

accurate. Who said that computers can't think? Note that other major languages are also available there. Try it out! This piece of gold is found at: <http://world.altavista.com/>