

## Fall / Winter 2013 Newsletter

## Goals and Highlights!

Since 2005, more than 14 million children in over 140 countries have benefited from eLessons provided by e-Learning for Kids!

#### Goals for 2013 include:

- Complete the Mathworld curriculum of 336 courses by the end of September. Done!
- Implement the new Mathworld website/portal in conjunction with the last Mathworld courses. Done!
- Begin the Scienceworld curriculum and publish the first set of courses before year end. In Progress!

# Completed Mathworld Curriculum (& New Portal) Now Available!



Now available are the entire 336 eLessons in our Kindergarten to 6th grade International Baccalaureate (IB) virtual school where kids learn math in the context of different cultures and countries around the world.

A BIG thanks to our talented team of volunteer instructional designers and course developers, the e-Learning for Kids project management team and of course to our various sponsors, who have made this possible. Our unique, integrated process for course development



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#### Nick van Dam & Vicki Cerda Meet Secretary Hillary Clinton

Dr. Nick van Dam, Founder and Chairman of the e-Learning for Kids foundation and Vicki Cerda, Director Outreach & Communications, met Hillary Clinton at the Learning 2013 Conference in Orlando this month. Hillary gave a speech to 1600+ attendees and spoke about the importance of learning and the power of e-Learning for children. She also stressed the importance of having children learn as early as possible in life. More than 100 attendees signed up to become a volunteer for the Foundation and will develop storyboards to be used in Scienceworld.

New Language Arts & Environmental Skills Courses for 2014!

continues to guarantee quality for every lesson, consistency for the children taking the eLessons, and an effective and efficient process for our volunteers. All 336 Mathworld eLessons are available in both the e-Learning for Kids portal as well as a new separate portal that was built in conjunction with this project to host the new curriculum, To view the new portal, click here

How can the Mathworld courseware be used? Depending on the proficiency level of a child in math, as well as the availability and quality of education, the curriculum can be used to:

- Support an existing classroom curriculum
- · Provide additional practice
- Supplement an existing curriculum
- Support homeschooling



## Scienceworld Has Started! Goal: Publish 1st Set of Courses Before End of Year!

The development of Scienceworld, our next full K-6 grade curriculum based on IB standards, has begun. This complete curriculum will consist of 212 eLessons and to date, our instructional design volunteers have completed more than 80 storyboards! In all lessons Tim the Turtle will explain guide children through science topics such as plants, electricity, animals and the human body. We plan to publish 25 of these new lessons by the end of this year. Yes, a great start!



## Case Study: Partnership in China

English is one of three core subjects in China's elementary curriculum. As China's education system is based on test scores, the higher the



- Language Arts/Writing:
   Poem, Drama and Prose:
   Age 9 Stephen has
   received a writing
   assignment and is confused.
   Stephen and his mom will
   explore stories to help him
   understand writing styles.
- Language Arts/Phonics: Age 5 - Travel through the jungle with Polly the Parrot to learn vowels, consonants, and identifying rhyming words.
- Language Arts/Story
   Sequencing: Age 7 Take a
   trip to the library with Lucas
   and Mr. Booky to read three
   fun fables!
- Skills/Environmental
  Skills/Environmental
  Conversation: Age 9 Meet
  Cady and her friends in the
  bayou of Louisiana. The
  environment is changing and
  Cady wants to know how
  she can help.

## Coming Soon: New Learning Portal

In January we will launch a complete new learning portal. This portal will provide children with a significantly improved user experience where they will be guided through our entire curriculum based on the e-Lessons they have taken. Thanks to Iris Koolen who has championed and led the development of the portal and the development teams in the Netherlands and India.

# Pictures & Videos & Testimonials!

score a child gets when testing into middle school, the better the high school and university s/he will likely attend. With the assistance of our China Project Lead Andrea Wong, EFK formed a partnership with local social enterprise Netspring offering elementary students access to EFK through refurbished computers donated by corporations. The students are able improve their English directly and indirectly using EFK's 500+ eLessons on various topics. The only documents translated into Chinese by local volunteers were our Orientation Guide and Guided Tour to serve as introduction. A small pilot program then proved the concept!

Bottom line impact: By the end of 2014, 15,000 children in 53 schools in underdeveloped areas of China will be able using EFK courses on both offline and online computers!

Teachers, parents, kids: Do you have pictures, video clips or testimonials from your experience using the EFK software? We would love to include them in an album we are making showing the many faces around the world who use our lessons! Please send (along with name of school & location) and/or any feedback on our lessons and how they are used to info@e-learningforkids.org



#### News

Some of our newest large partnerships and locations for reaching children with the offline version of our courses via CDROM include:

- OLE/Rwanda: 10 schools/6000 kids
- OLE/Rwanda: 5 schools/2000 kids (French)
- District Institute of Education & Training/India: 3 schools/6000 kids
- Deepam Trust/India: 7 schools/4380 kids
- Arabian Perl Gulf School/Bahrain: 2 schools/1200 kids
- ESYST/ Gambia: 3 schools/1500 kids
- Grimm International/China: 10 schools/1500 kids
- Netspring/China: 53 schools/15,000 kids (See story in this issue)



#### **Testimonials**

""Hope you have plans to update your computer training for Microsoft Office when it comes out? Love, Love, Love your product!"

Teacher, USA

"JUST A NOTE TO SAY I LOVE THIS WEB SITE I
WORK WITH MY BOYS (I HAVE TWO) TO KEEP
THEIR MINDS FRESH, IF I'VE FORGOTTEN ANY
THING, I KNOW I CAN ALSO USE THIS SITE FOR
MYSELF...I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANKYOU...NOTE THE USE OF ALL CAPITALS, IT'S
JUST TO SHOW MY LOVE AND EXCITEMENT, I'M
NOT SHOUTING!"
Leticia, USA

"You do an excellent work of serving kids without cost."

How Can You Help? Please Consider Donating!

Frankly, we need considerable funding in order to reach our objectives. We are a US 501 (c)(3) foundation (and a Dutch non profit foundation/Stichting) and all donations are tax deductible in the US (or in the Netherlands). Please consider making a donation so we can fund more courses and reach more children!



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#### Ramesh, India

"I've been searching online for educational material for ages. Eventually I came across your site. It is absolutely fantastic. I never do donations online, but looking at your site, I just could not resist. I've also given your link on Facebook to all my friends and family asking them to also bless you with donations, to make sure you can keep up the good work!

Thanks a million!"

Jacky, South Africa

"This is great! I like it, I want to learn Math, English Language and Computer Science! Greetings to all of you. I am only 12 years old and going to Migjeni School which is in Macedonia."

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