Originate Assignment 1

Tony, Kayla, and Sean

Interview with my cousin Karen

About Me:

1) What grade do you teach/have you taught?

I currently teach 1st grade in a low-income school on the South Side of Chicago. Previously, I taught 2nd grade in a Catholic School for four years.

2) Normal class day/teaching process

Phonics (Imagine It),

Comprehension (varies - but I use youtube, storylineonline, Study Island)

Daily 5/Guided Reading

Math (Envision Curriculum)

[http://www.ixl.com/math/](http://www.ixl.com/math/" \t "_blank) (practice organized by skill)

[http://earlymath.erikson.edu/](http://earlymath.erikson.edu/" \t "_blank) (a great website with ideas for activities and resources)

[http://www.math.com/parents/articles/mathhome.html](http://www.math.com/parents/articles/mathhome.html" \t "_blank) (many ideas for parents to encourage math learning at home)

[http://www.softschools.com/math/games/](http://www.softschools.com/math/games/" \t "_blank) (math games)

and my favorite website:

[http://www.k-5mathteachingresources.com/](http://www.k-5mathteachingresources.com/" \t "_blank) (activities and games organized by standard)

3) Any digital platforms you use for class: (See Above) Also, Promethean Planet, ActivInspire Software, Classroom Dojo, Wikispace Page, Superteacher Worksheets, TeachersPayTeachers

4) websites you like for teaching if any....... (See Above)

I like the idea of Gadgiteration. Facilitating the building of "gadgets" could be very popular, one that would prove to be useful, especially given how popular and relevant computer-based learning have become.

Somethings that I feel would improve the website...

- The language used to introduce what Gadgiteration is was very wordy. I scanned it at first and realized when I got to the bottom of the page that I still had no idea what the website was promoting or selling.

- What exactly is the program like? Is it software? Is it a textbook based curriculum? If I was an administrator using to look for this in my school, would I need to train my staff? Or apply for a grant?

- There were a lot of pictures taken of people building things... but what exactly was/is provided by the program?