



11 Holiday Websites that bring the Spirit of the Season into your Classroom

As the 3rd annual [Teaching with Technology Story Contest and Sweepstakes](#) approaches, CDW Canada has a gift this holiday season for educators across the country. We've put together a list of our 11 favourite websites for teachers and students to enjoy this holiday season.

The following websites offer free educational games, interactive lessons and fun ways to celebrate the season in your classroom:

[Apples 4 the Teacher](#) features an assortment of fun activities for the holidays. Students can try word searches, colouring pages, thematic reading lists, short stories, poetry, jigsaw puzzles, interactive quizzes and games, worksheets and printable exercises. Suitable for multiple age groups.

A computer, a set of speakers and an Internet connection are all that's needed to bring the holiday atmosphere to any classroom this year. [Incomptech.com](#) has a library of new and classic royalty-free festive music available to download or stream straight to your PC.

For younger students, [PrimaryGames.com](#) has a variety of educational games and crafts for classrooms celebrating this December. The site teaches children the meaning of each holiday, offers musical greeting cards, a 'create your own crafts' section and learning tools. Excellent for students in grades K-3.

Keeping the class on the "same page" with a blog is a great way to be sure that students always have access to the latest assignments. For the holidays, why not add a theme template from [Profilebrand.com](#) to make the environment more festive and keep students connected. Multiple holiday templates like this [one](#) are available.

[The Holiday Fun wikispace](#) from monarchcenters includes a great list of educational games for students of all denominations. Also featured are lessons on math, the chance for students to learn about different celebrations at this time of year and a reindeer orchestra. Ideal for students grades K-6.

Ask your students to send their family, friends and email pen-pals a free holiday e-card this year. They are fun, easy and can be personalized for each child. [Care2.com](#) has an excellent assortment of holiday cards for all ages.

[FamilyEducation.com](#) has a huge collection of educational printouts for children in grades K-6 for a variety of holidays. Students can learn how to make a snowflake ornament, the story of Hanukkah, practice math with holiday pictures and much more.

Cover math, physics, English, and more with these holiday ideas and activities from [Homefires.com](#). Best of all, the games and lessons here are fun for any age and, in most cases, meet curriculum requirements.

Having a class holiday party? Print off these easy-to-follow recipes from [Easy Kids Recipes](#) for students to make at school, if the necessary facilities are there, or home. Let students pick their favourite from the list and have them prepare it for class. Yum!

Have your own video conference with the North Pole using free online applications from [ooVoo](#) and [TokBox](#). With just a webcam, computer and Internet connection in your classroom and a parent or older student willing to don a red suit and beard on the other end, your students can have their own conversation with Santa.

The addition of technology into Canadian classrooms is creating new opportunities for teachers to engage students in a more interactive learning process. This holiday season, try incorporating some of these technologies into your lessons to bring the spirit of the season into your classroom.

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