



The Gaggle

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Preparing for Summer – Don't Forget About Gaggle!

There are hundreds of little things teachers have to do at the end of the school year before they can start their summer break. But before you leave your classroom for three months of relaxation (ha,ha), don't forget to consider your students' Gaggle accounts.

Since Gaggle accounts are web based and can be accessed from any computer with an internet connection, your students can use their Gaggle accounts all summer, if you allow them to do so. Generally, there are three options teachers can choose from to wrap up their school year with Gaggle.

The first option is to leave the accounts activated and available for the students to use. This allows the students to keep in touch with each other and communicate with you as well. If you decide to leave the

accounts activated, we do ask that you or another educator monitor the accounts periodically throughout the summer to make sure the students are exhibiting appropriate behavior.

Another option is to change the access level of the accounts to Suspend or Hold for the summer. Using this solution, the students will not have access to their accounts and you will not need to monitor them during the summer. With this solution, the accounts will already be set up and a simple change to the access level will have them ready to go for next year.

Finally, you can choose to delete the student accounts and start fresh next year. If your current students will not be using Gaggle next year, this may be the best solution.

Enjoy your summer break!

Training Tips

Learn helpful tricks about the Gaggle system [here](#).

Hold Access Level

If you change your students to the Hold access level for the summer, they will not be able to access any part of their Gaggle account. However, emails that are sent to them will still be received and stored in their account until it is reactivated.

Suspended Access Level

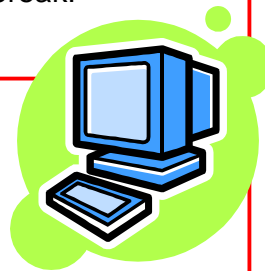
If you change your students to the Suspended access level for the summer, they will not be able to access any part of their Gaggle account. All of their old email will be kept on the system, but any new messages they receive will be bounced back to the sender as undeliverable. This access level simply reserves the username until the account is reactivated.

Curriculum Corner

Learn helpful ways to integrate technology into your daily classroom activities.

Summer Reading

Summer reading assignments are an excellent way to keep your students' minds active over the summer. You can assign your students one book to read over the summer and use Gaggle email to communicate with them about the reading assignments and answer any questions they might have. You can also use the message boards and/or blogs to have the students post comments or reviews of the book. This is a simple activity that will get your students away from the TV for a while!



The Curriculum Contest has been extended! You can still win an iPod Shuffle if you submit your technology curriculum ideas to elizabethc@gaggle.net by June 30th! A winner will be selected on July 3rd, and will be announced in our next issue of The Gaggle, which will be in August. It's not too late to win!