



The Gaggler

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Blogging Your Travels

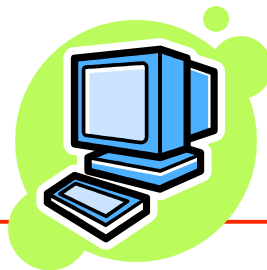
The holiday season is coming and that means that holiday breaks are coming too! Each year millions of people travel over the holidays, so why not use Gaggle in the go?

Gaggle's Training Coordinator, Andrea Keith, will be traveling to Frankfurt, Germany this holiday season, though not to visit family, but to provide extensive training to some of our customers overseas. She will be chronicling her trip on her own Gaggle blog, found at www.gaggle.net/blog/andrea. Andrea will be writing about all of her experiences during her time in Germany, sharing some of the cultural differences within the teaching environment. Maybe she can even post some photos for all of us to see! If you have some free time, stop by her blog and see what Andrea has been up to in Germany. If you ask nicely, she might even bring you back a Frankfurt.

Using Gaggle Blogs like this is a great way for your students to keep their motors running over Winter break, while possibly earning some extra credit. Have them create blogs through their Gaggle accounts to keep track of the various trips or vacations they may go on

during break. This would be a great way to hone their English and geography skills as well as to work on developing some computer, and even possibly history skills along the way. They can post links and photos of the different places they visit and can write about their experiences along the way.

Teachers can get in on the fun as well. Are you going anywhere over the winter break? How about keeping a blog similar to Andrea's, and share with your students information about the places you go and the people you meet. Here is a fun idea ~ how about posting clues to your vacation location, so your students have to check back daily to try and guess where you are. What a great way to keep your students engaged during their break. To get started, create your blog before you leave for break and give the kids the URL address. This way the kids can add you to their favorites, or can even subscribe to the RSS feed so they can be updated whenever you create a new entry.



Curriculum Corner

Since everyone does not go on vacation during the holiday season, how about another great idea to keep your students blogging? Have your students create a blog about a "virtual journey" to a place of their choosing. They could research a country or city on the Internet and write about their "experiences" there. Have them upload pictures and links of the different sites and attractions at the place they visit. It can be treated as if they traveled on a real trip, but maybe this time their blog entries are graded.

Success Stories

How has Gaggle.Net brought out the best in your students? Has it helped to enable them to go above and beyond expectations in the classroom? We want to hear about it! We are holding a contest to find the best "success stories." Teachers or Administrators who want to share their stories can email them to success@gaggle.net.

When submitting your entry, please send only those that you are willing to share with Gaggle.Net users worldwide. When using names, only use first names or change them altogether to keep the privacy of all those involved. These stories may be shared on our website or in future editions of "The Gaggler."

So start thinking about your best stories! Gagglers around the world are looking forward to reading them!

(Submission of stories will constitute consent for publishing.)

We at Gaggle wish you all a safe and Happy Holiday season. If you do get to go on a vacation, travel safely and enjoy your trip!

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