

# Tech Chat

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## Dear Tech Geeks,

Sometimes when I login I can't get to my home folder or GroupWise or the internet. Why is this happening ?

**Answer:** Usually this happens because you are in work station only mode.

- Log off the computer
- When the Novell login screen comes up, uncheck the workstation only box.

Please submit questions by Feb. 6th to:  
rodriguezcy@georgetownisd.org



## Look Who's Using Technology

**Kerry Jo Smith**

**English**

***In her own words***



"Technology has certainly helped me improve the efficiency and accessibility of communication with parents and students through email and making materials available on my website. Also, the PowerPoint presentations I have made help guide discussions and are easily put on my website for further reference by students. More exciting to me, though, is the heightened interest I see my students have when I incorporate technology into lesson plans. I try to make my class a multi-media and multi-sensory experience. I use MovieMaker quite a bit to thematically link music, poetry and images to the other pieces we are reading. I have also used technology to create lessons using contemporary and pop culture influences like analyzing a character by creating a MySpace profile for them or making graphic t-shirt designs for characters. The interest students have in these formats, I believe, have helped increase turn-in rates to assignments."



## Website Resources



[www.teachingbooks.net](http://www.teachingbooks.net) (Language Arts activities)

[www.csun.edu/science](http://www.csun.edu/science) (Science activities)

[illuminations.nctm.org](http://illuminations.nctm.org) (Math activities)

## Professional Development for the Month

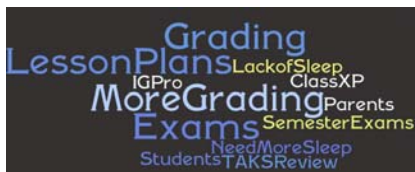
**What: Integrating Projectors and Document Cameras into Instruction (#5791)**

**Given by: Kim Garcia and Sandy Kendell**

**When: MONDAY, JAN. 26th 4:00-5:30 PM**

**Where: Room 118 (Grace Lisenby's classroom)**

## Did you know...



Check out [www.wordle.net](http://www.wordle.net)

This web tool creates word clouds from text you provide. The more times a word appears in a text, the larger it is in the word cloud. You can change your clouds with different fonts, layouts and color schemes. It is free and you can print your word cloud.

## TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

Often, we get questions about why you can't hear the dialtone on your Cisco phone. Before you schedule an appointment with an audiologist, try these steps:

1. If your phone displays "Your Current Options", try the 10x fix. Pick up your handset, then hold in the hangup button halfway. Repeat this process 10x. As crazy as it sounds, it usually fixes the problem. If not, don't forget to put in a HelpDesk request.
2. If your phone displays "Ethernet Disconnected" or "SRST Fallback Option", disconnect the blue Ethernet cable from the wall, wait 15 seconds and plug it back in. Wait for the phone to reconfigure. If it displays "Your Current Options", problem is solved.



