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4th graders from Mr. Kiefer's class learned a little about coding from an article they read in class. Several students expressed interest in learning more about coding. They now meet with me 2x each week during their recess time to complete a coding course online. I am willing to do this with more students. Just let me know. ☺

QR Codes are Everywhere!

QR codes are most frequently used in advertising. You may have seen one of these little codes in a magazine, on a flyer, on food packaging, or on a menu. When you scan the code with a QR scanner on your phone or tablet, it brings you to a video or website about the product or service. QR codes can be used in the classroom in

several ways:

- ◆ to link to an e-book or a video of someone reading a story
- ◆ To link to an educational video about a topic you are studying
- ◆ To link to a specific website you want students to go to.
- ◆ To link to a video of a student explaining their artwork or project.



Above is a QR Code I created at QRstuff.com. It links to my technology website. There are many QR Code resources available on Teachers Pay Teachers. Let me know if you would like to learn more about using these codes in the classroom.

Gmail

In December, most of you received training on Gmail. If you would like help using Gmail to send emails, delete

emails, or organize emails, let me know. I can help you add a signature to your emails or create folders. I can also help

you learn about some of the other tools Google offers such as Google Calendar or Google Docs.

Virtual Field Trips

Have you ever wished you could take your students someplace but the cost was too much or the distance was too far? There are many online resources for virtual field trips to places like The Museum of Natural History, Mt.



Everest, the White House, the Iditarod, the Plymouth Plantation, a rainforest, and even Space. Here are addresses to a few websites with virtual field trip links:

<http://eduscapes.com/tap/topic35.htm>

www.eschoolnews.com/2013/04/07/ten-of-the-best-virtual-field-trips/

www.educationworld.com/a_curr/curr057.shtml

www.internet4classrooms.comlinks/grades_kinder_garten_12/virtual_field_trips_collections.htm

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