

Tappan Zee Elementary School – Grades 2-3

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In addressing the needs of our students for the 2009-2010 school year, examples of our goals and new projects include the following:

- In order to maximize the literacy experience, in conjunction with 21st century applications, our students will have the opportunity to build their skills in **virtual communication by blogging** with Principal Lee in response to our character education read-alouds. This pilot program will later be expanded to include additional staff and topics of interest or information;
- TZE students will learn about **digital movie-making, including green screen and Mac editing capabilities**. Over the course of the year the students will write, film and edit a range of film genres including: documentary, narrative and shorts. Student work will be presented to the community via an **inaugural TZE film festival**;
- Students will use **technology to connect to other students within the district, and with other districts and community groups around the state/country**. Our new technology committee will be assisting in setting up venues and causes.

We expect our students and staff to be both excited as well as challenged in the 2009-10 school year utilizing their creativity not only in meeting those identified initiatives but, as importantly, in generating new ones.