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LESSON PLANS FOR
Exploratory Computer:

Standard(s):
1. Understand the basic skills necessary for life skills in a technological society

Benchmarks:
1. Use information efficiently and effectively
2. Evaluate information critically and competently
3. Use information accurately and creatively
4. Demonstrates independent learning through personal interest choices

Relevancy/Connection:
Computer and literacy skills are important for success in today's working environment.

Week one—
Introduce and justify research with eLibrary Science rather than "Google"
Practice selecting and reading articles of interest
Bibliographies—record information for some of articles
Assessment—turn in bibliographies and checked for accuracy—points given

Week two—
Practice main idea, reading and using graphic organizers, rewording statements, note taking, and good research skills using eLibrary Science
Assessment—print articles and turn in with student's note sheet/graphic organizer for article. Graded for points

Week three—
Use "Today in Science" feature in eLibrary Science, survey and select topic of interest, research and prepare simple presentation (main points with some graphics or artwork)
Assessment—presentation for class and notes turned in (Rubric)

Week four—
Use "Famous Scientists" feature of eLibrary Science, survey and select a scientist, prepare a mini-research project
Assessment—Turn in fact sheet of information about scientist with bibliography (Rubric)

Week five—
(still in planning stage)
Week six—
(still in planning stage)

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