TECH NEWS

Collierville Schools Technology Department

Tech Tips

- **Turn OFF Automatic Apple Software Updates**- Go to System Preferences> App Store> uncheck "Automatically Check for Updates" (you may have to click the lock and enter your computer username/password).

- **Backing Up Data**- How would you feel if you lost all your laptop data? Be sure to clean up and back up your data. See a CTT/STS for help.

Stellar Sites

- Analyze My Writing- generate statistical information about a writing piece, as well as a word cloud.

- Cram- Create flashcards that adjust levels as students answer. Use pre-made flashcards shared by others or create your own

- Super Teacher Tools- Jeopardy, Who Wants to be a Millionaire?, and Speed Match games that can be used to review subject area content. Great additional resources for teachers as well.

Instructional Resources for
Digital Content

• **iTunes U**- Contains courses and collections to enhance classroom curriculum. Collections include images, videos (think YouTube alternative), and other media. Courses provide a digital learning experience that include assignments, posts, and more. Go to iTunes on your Mac or the iTunes app on your iPad. Search for *TASA*, *Pennsylvania Learns*, *E. O. Wilson*, and *ASCD* to get started.

• **iPad Teaching Resources**- Get the most out of iPads in schools with these helpful resources for teachers.

• **App Store Collections**- Check out the App Store (in iTunes on your Mac or App Store app on your iPad). There are collections of apps for teachers, students, and schools all vetted by Apple Distinguished Educators.

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