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Education Week: Digital Directions—This site contains articles on digital topics such as reading apps for children, integrating tablets into assessment, and educators weighing the cost-effectiveness of adding technology to the classroom. The site features a blog, ed-tech videos, webinars and chats, and special reports. Browse archived issues of *Education Week*. Sign up to get free newsletters via e-mail. www.edweek.org/dd/?intc=thed

Edutopia Elementary Tech Integration Blog—Elementary computer teacher Mary Beth Hertz writes this blog as part of the Edutopia website, offering her experiences and reflections about technology in early education. Updated approximately twice a month, recent posts discuss celebrating women and technology, educational apps in the classroom, and Internet research for elementary school children.

www.edutopia.org/blog/meaning-tech-integration-elementary-mary-beth-hertz

Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media at Saint Vincent College—In keeping with Fred Rogers' vision of using television and other media to educate young children, the center teamed up with advisors at Saint Vincent College to build "bridges between early learning and children's media." Available resources include issue briefings, an online support community, and a resource database of links to key organizations, publications, and media sources of early learning and children's media. The center also offers information on accessing the Fred Rogers archive, which includes Fred Rogers' speeches, his personal correspondence, and a digital audio and video archive from his television programs; and curriculum toolkits that provide assignments, in-class activities, syllabi, research links, and videos. www.fredrogerscenter.org

The center is also launching a new website, the **Fred Rogers Center Early Learning Environment, or Ele**, which offers free access to digital early learning resources, including an online community and library of 100+ free, high-quality e-books, mobile apps, and videos that support early learning and literacy. www.ele.fredrogerscenter.org

Hatch—Find links to industry research, ideas for obtaining grants, and free webinars on a variety of topics concerning different aspects of technology in early childhood education under the Research tab located at the top of the home page. www.hatchearlychildhood.com

NAEYC—Read about and view NAEYC's recently updated technology joint position statement with the Fred Rogers Center. Find a brief summary of key messages from the statement and selected examples of effective classroom practice involving technology and interactive media. www.naeyc.org/content/technology-and-young-children

NAEYC Technology and Young Children Interest Forum—This NAEYC Interest Forum website is divided into sections: Technology with Children, Technology Tools for Educators, Technology at Home, and Research. Links include online activities, Internet safety, developmentally appropriate practice guidelines, apps, and web-based tools. The forum holds online discussions and meets yearly at NAEYC's Annual Conference.

www.techandyoungchildren.org/children.html

The forum has also begun a wiki project where members can discuss early childhood education tech issues. <http://ecetech.wikispaces.com>

Technology in Early Childhood [TEC] Center at Erikson Institute—The TEC Center seeks to promote appropriate use of technology in early childhood settings. The site offers updated news and blog posts, listings of upcoming center events, and a free webinar series, Early Childhood Investigations, taught by leaders in the field of education and technology.

www.teccenter.erikson.edu

University of Maine Listserv—Follow and post current news about technology in early childhood education. The web archive interface is available for anyone to view. However, you must sign up and log in to post to the listserv. Subscribers can see and manage different lists. www.isoftware.com/scripts/wl.exe?SL1=ECETECH-L&H=LISTS.Maine.edu

