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Dear Teacher-Friends,

I can't really wrap my mind around how many years it's been since I started my website resource. Many of you may remember the site when it first began, under the name "School Tools" back in 1997. At the time my site was first hosted by Homestead and then Geocities [I can't figure out how to delete/get rid of the [homestead site](#)...it's still "out there" :)]. Even the content of my site changed, as I've changed grade levels, schools, and even moved to a different state!

At the time, I even wrote my own HTML (ugh!). Under both hosts, the site had ads and bandwidth issues galore! I greatly disliked the problems associated with these issues. My move to GoDaddy in 2005 was the best move I made. Not only did it get rid of the ads and bandwidth issues, I had a lot more space, a new domain name (URL), and a new website name... *Mrs. Meacham's Classroom Snapshots*.

You may have noticed that I recently added a new page to my site that highlights the mission I have for my website. I've been thinking a lot about my mission when I first started in 1997 and what it is now. Not a lot has changed, and what you see on the mission statement page is truly my desire for the site.

I receive many emails throughout the year from dedicated educators across the nation (all over the world, really!). Thank you so much for your encouragement, ideas, and most of all for challenging me to be a better teacher. Your questions, comments, and suggestions really provoke me to think about what I do, why, and how it relates to what's best for students. And, that's who it's all about...the kids!

Throughout the years, many of you have suggested or asked about the possibility of my presenting workshops, hosting classroom tours/visitors, writing books, etc. I have to admit that while many of these options sound so *prestigious*, they simply aren't "me" - and I guess I never really know how to delicately turn down such suggestions, offers, or inquiries.

I will admit that I have presented a few times in- and out- of district, given a classroom tour once, and contributed a very small portion to a [published book](#). While those experiences were fun, in all honesty...I just like sitting in my comfy computer chair, covered by my favorite quilt web authoring -- surrounded by my double-monitors, a soda at hand, and squinty-eyed kitty cat named Jed purring on the recliner behind me.

I truly feel I am doing what I need to be doing right now and don't desire to do anything differently. *Mrs. Meacham's Classroom Snapshots* keeps me pretty busy, as do my family, teaching job, committee work, and volunteer work at church. While I know I don't have nearly as much time to dedicate to website authoring as I did in the early days, I truly hope to provide you with a resource that is helpful, thought-provoking, and up-to-date.

Please email anytime! Or Skype, Facebook, Twitter, or.... ☺ LOL!

Warm Regards,

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