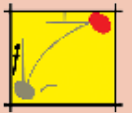


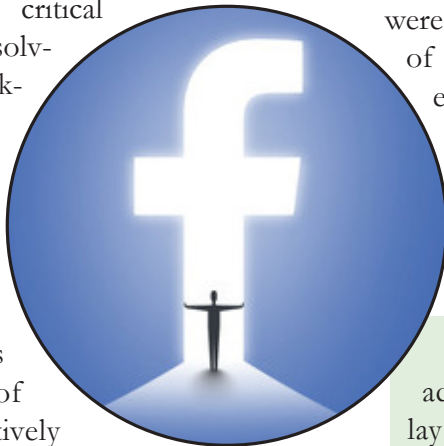
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“TEACHERS, PLEASE USE FACEBOOK FOR LEARNING”

By **Sudha Athreya**. A civil engineer; she is into designing careers

WHEN we hear the word ‘Facebook,’ the initial reaction is that of social networking and the distractions associated with it. But every technology brings in its wake “positives,” which can be leveraged to our advantage. To succeed in the 21st century we need critical thinking, complex problem solving, and information networking. Facebook provides us with ways to collaborate and learn. Use these for your traction, and you can lead a more productive life. Whether we like it or not, Facebook is where today’s youth live. Here are some of the ways it can be used creatively for improving collaborative learning:



- Students can review books they are reading and post it for the benefit of others.
- Kids can take turns in sharing current affairs information with the rest of the class.
- Brainstorming a new topic each week can bring in new ideas, critical thinking, and collaborative learning.

- Students must create “Do’s and Don’ts” on social media etiquette.

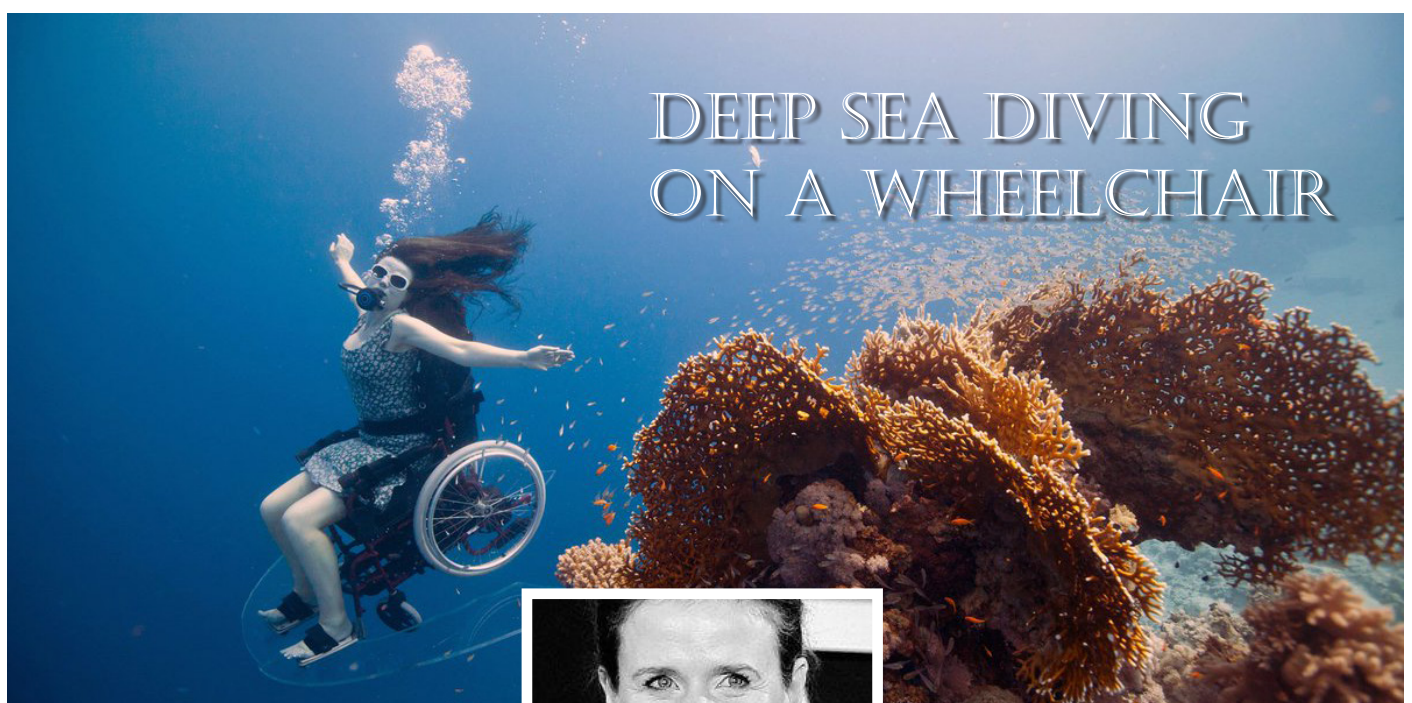
One of the schools used Facebook to engage their students to **learn periodic table** in chemistry. The kids were first asked to study the characteristics and attributes of each element in the table. They were asked which elements’ attributes most closely aligned to their personal characteristics. Then, they made a Page for that element. Thereafter, they moved to become “friends” with other elements in alignment with their elements’ attributes.

Key Note: Social media, can be used to our advantage. When creating the groups ensure you lay the rules of the group, get parents consent, educate students on “pros and cons” of the social media and monitor the happenings in the group on an active basis.

Call to action: What is that **one thing** you can do to improve learning in your class? What is the next immediate step you can take for that and when?



Twenty years ago, in 1999, in an article for a magazine. I had argued that the third millennium does not begin in 2000 but in 2001 because there is nothing like year 0. Hence the first 1000 years ends in 1000 AD. Much the same way I am not too sure if it is right to say that the third decade begins in 2020. Logically, should it not be 2021? Ha, sometimes practice takes precedence over logic.



DEEP SEA DIVING ON A WHEELCHAIR



WHAT does the word ‘wheelchair’ mean to you? Do you associate the term with loss, limitation, or pity, or fear, or restriction? Here is the journey of Sue Austin who went on to change this idea of the wheelchair into something exciting.

Sue had to use the wheelchair due to extended illness. It gave her a sense of freedom, when she could whiz around in her new toy. But a part of her internalized the responses of others and changed her outlook to life. It was then she realised she had to make her stories to reclaim herself.

When she began to dive, in 2005, she realized scuba gear extends your range of activity in the same way as a wheelchair does, but the associations attached to

scuba gear are ones of excitement and adventure, very different to people’s responses to the wheelchair. So she thought, “I wonder what’ll happen if

I put the two together?” And this has resulted has taken her on the most amazing journey over the last seven years.

People could relate to it and said, “If she can do that, I can do anything.”

Inspiration: Discover the joy of seeing the world from new perspectives. Your only limit is your imagination.

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