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*It is possible to store the mind with a million facts  
and still be entirely uneducated.*  
–Alec Bourne

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## Web Sites

### [Tufts University: Early Algebra, Early Arithmetic](#)

This online resource is from the Tufts University offers lesson plans, worksheets, and ideas about using algebra with elementary grade levels.  
<http://ase.tufts.edu/education/earlyalgebra/about.asp>

### [The Math League: Introduction to Algebra](#)

This introduction offers help on a variety of topics in algebra, such as variables, expressions, equations, and simplifying.

[http://www.mathleague.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=84&Itemid=67](http://www.mathleague.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=84&Itemid=67)

### [Intermediate Test Prep: Math 6: Translate Two-step Verbal Expressions](#)

What are the steps for translating two-step verbal expressions? Complete the lesson, the practice activity and test your skills with the interactive games.

<http://www.studyzone.org/mtestprep/topic6.cfm?TopicID=223>

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## Hardware/Software

### *Wi-Fi too slow? Don't settle.*

Switching your phone from Wi-Fi to LTE access is as simple as scrolling through your settings.

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## Famous People from American History

### *Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811 – 1896)*

Harriet Beecher Stowe moved from Connecticut to Cincinnati, Ohio, with her father in 1832. There she met people opposed to slavery and slaves who had run away from their masters. She helped several slaves escape through what came to be called the "Underground Railroad."

The mother of seven, Stowe wrote short stories to add to her husband's income. When the government passed a law requiring escaped slaves to be returned to their masters, she was so angry that she wrote *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

*Uncle Tom's Cabin* was first published like a magazine--one chapter a week. Sold as a two-volume book in 1852, it became an instant and disturbing best-seller. The first major American fictional book to feature a black hero, it made readers understand that slaves were people being made to suffer cruelly. The book had a major impact on Northerners' attitudes toward slavery.

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## Riddles You Can Tell in Class

**Q. *Why can't computers play tennis?***

A. They try to surf the net.

**Q. *The person who makes it sells it, the person who buys it never uses it, the person who is in it doesn't know it, what is it?***

A. A coffin.

**Q. *What do you call a dentist in the army?***

A. A drill sergeant.

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## This Day in History

### ***Birthdates which occurred on September 27:***

1722 Samuel Adams revolutionary rabble rouser/(Lt Gov-Mass, 1789-94)

1792 George Cruikshank England, illustrator for Charles Dickens

1817 Hiram R Revels Fayetteville NC, 1st black US senator

1895 George Raft NYC, actor (Each Dawn I Die, Scarface, Some Like It Hot)

1920 William Conrad Louisville Ky, actor (Bullwinkle Show, Cannon)

1926 Jayne Meadows Wu Chang China, Mrs Steve Allen, actr (Dark Delusion) Nolan St Louis Mo, actress (Real McCoys, Janie, Broadside)

1934 Dick Schaap sportscaster/author (Joe Namath's co-writer)

1934 Greg Morris Cleveland Ohio, actor (Mission Impossible, Vega\$)

1934 Wilford Brimley Salt Lake City Utah, actor (Gus-Our House, Cocoon)

1949 Mike Schmidt 3rd baseman & HR hitter (Phillies)

1958 Shaun Cassidy LA Calif, actor/singer (Hardy Boys, Breaking Away)

1959 Beth Heiden Madison Wisc, 3000m speed skater (Olympic-bronze-1980)

### ***On This Day:***

1540 Society of Jesus (Jesuits) founded by Ignatius Loyola

1777 Battle of Germantown; Washington defeated by the British

1779 John Adams negotiates Revolutionary War peace terms with Britain

1787 Constitution submitted to the states for ratification  
1821 Mexican Empire declares its independence  
1821 Revolutionary forces occupy Mexico City as Spanish withdraw  
1923 Lou Gehrig's 1st homer  
1931 Lou Gehrig completes his 6th straight season, playing in every game  
1937 1st Santa Claus school opens (Albion NY)  
1938 Ocean liner Queen Elizabeth launched at Glasgow  
1950 Heavyweight champ Ezzard Charles defeats Joe Louis  
1954 School integration begins in Wash DC & Baltimore Md public schools  
1954 Steve Allen's "Tonight Show" premiers  
1961 Sierre Leone becomes the 100th member of the UN  
1963 At 10:59 AM the census clock, records US population at 190,000,000  
1964 Warren Commission released, finding Lee Harvey Oswald acted alonerdinal's super pitcher Bob Gibson's 13th shutout of the year  
1970 Ken Boswell sets 2nd baseman record of 85 games without an error  
1973 Nolan Ryan strikesout his 383rd batter of the year  
1979 Congress' final approval to create Dept of Education  
1990 Senate Judiciary committee approves Souter's Supreme Court nomination

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