

NOTES FROM THE TECH

The most important part of creating a teacher website is not what it looks like or what you use to make it but instead what you want to communicate! So if you want to do this, and want to get it going right from the beginning then I need you to start thinking about just you want to say! I tried to put together a teacher web site sampler at

<http://hbmsteacher.weebly.com/>

Notice it is as simple as can be. Start gathering things so you can do this with limited fuss and muss.

- 1 - if you want to have your picture on your site - find a digital image (file) of yourself and be sure it is on your computer or zip drive.
- 2 - figure out what you'd like to say on the Home/Welcome page - you may want to include how often you plan on updating the website. Type what you want to say in a Word document - then you can just cut and paste that info into the page when we get together for training.
- 3 - Figure out what headings you want - for instance Home is automatic - then in my case I have Homework, Syllabus, Supply List, Online Textbook Access, Favorite Links and Contact Me. That may be way too many for you and of course you might have totally different ones.

NOTE: I am a very big believer in the KISS method -Keep It Simple Silly - you don't have to WOW anyone with gadgets and widgets - it is better to say something meaningful and keep your information current. No one will ever complain about that!