

Resources for remote teaching

Teaching remotely was not covered in my pre-service classes. Yet, as Gov. Evers has closed schools and events, this is where we are finding ourselves. There are some technology tools that can ease the remote working mind and encourage student engagement and learning.

GOOGLE CALENDAR OR ANY CALENDAR APP

This was the one thing I told my students to download and use. Through this I can send Google hangout invites, set my schedule, and share due dates. Students are great schedule followers, and working remotely the schedule is now gone. This provides some semblance of a bell schedule if they consider planning their work time.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM AND/OR ANOTHER LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

I use two learning management systems. Our school uses PowerSchool, and that is the main one I link information to. Google Classroom is the dropbox that allows students to turn in their work, complete the learning assigned, and allows me to check their version history to limit taking the “easy way out”. Both of the tools have discussion board options and ways to track the work.

FLIPGRID (see ad on previous page)

If you are unaware of this tool, this is a video recording tool that students can share and view the work and information of their classmates. I am using it for recording speeches and other information sharing without grading a lot of writing.

INSTAGRAM

Did you know Instagram helps teachers connect with students, engage in Polls, share memes etc. I posted a one minute video here to encourage students to start thinking about their learning plan. It is relatable for all, but use your school email for your account.

SEESAW

This tool is similar to Flipgrid, but can be connected with parents too. Here students can upload work, videos and other items to a singular platform.

EXPLAIN EVERYTHING

This is a great way to demonstrate thinking and understanding. This is an interactive tool/whiteboard that allows students to annotate as they work and record the products to share with others. (Kami is also a great device for this too.)

SCREENCASTIFY

If you are used to modeling then letting students loose, you can still do that with Screencastify. I use this to record my screen and model the expectations both visually and auditorily.

EDPUZZLE

YouTube videos are wonderful, but often I find myself stopping to explain something; with EdPuzzle, you can pause the presentation and ask a question, or make it a quiz and glean student responses. (Peardeck also does something similar.)

REMINDE

is a phone app that protects your number if students want to text you, or you want to send information to students about upcoming work. Another tool to help students stay on track.

GROUPME

Finally a collaborative texting tool. Create class groups and send the information, students can respond and or make their own groups if they are in a project and want/need to collaborate.

These 10-plus tools are what is available at my school and I will be using them over the extended period of time. These effectively allow universal learning and help you, as the teacher, to stay ahead of the game in these uncertain times.

For more resources check out the Facebook page: [Teaching remotely during Covid-19](#).

Alison Yang has some suggestions here: <https://alisonyang.weebly.com/blog>

Or tweet us at [@WCTEorg](#) and ask the questions. We are monitoring and will happily provide ideas as we have them.



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