Harnessing Technology for Engagement

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Utilizing Technology for Engagement

What are the best aspects of all of these pieces of technology? Which are most important? How should we prioritize them?

- Each class is different
- Reach out to family, friends and other teachers
- Utilize communication features-easiest combinations with what you already use
- Poll your students

Research

Little honest people

What do you like about Google Classroom and what don't you like?

Audrey (10)

- I like that when you finish an assignment, it turn gray so that you know it is done.
- It is easy to get to. You can click on a link to assignment or Google Meets, etc.
- It is a little harder than doing things on paper because if your internet isn't really good, it can be hard to get to assignments.
- If you finish your assignment and simply forget to turn it in, it can be late. That wouldn't really happen in the classroom.

Research Continued

Audrey (10)

How about Zoom? (used for piano and church school)

- It is also easy to join
- It seems like Zoom has more features like reactions (thumbs up and such).

What other technology do you think helps you with virtual learning (besides computer:)?

- Google-slides, classroom, meet
- Flipgrid-It is good for music and art, because you can take pictures and videos.
- Seesaw-It is easy to use, because you can use textboxes and draw pictures.

Research continued

Ella (14) and Grace (13)

What helps you learn the best during virtual learning?

- Through Edpuzzle and Google Docs, when we have to watch videos or the teacher and listen for certain information while we fill out notes.
- I get text messages from my teachers. The use Remind and I linked it to my number so it comes as a text.
- We both have the Gmail and the Google Classroom Apps on our phones, so reminders come there.

Research continued

Teachers

What technologies have helped you engage students the best during virtual learning?

- Canvas, Blackboard (LMS)
- Zoom-breakout rooms, polling
- EdPuzzle
- ReadWorks
- Texting

Where does your virtual class "live"?

- Share stories and formats
- ELA Class
- LMS
- If don't have an option, Weebly

Trying New Things

- Flipgrid Journey

What else could we do with it?

Poll, Anything to Add?