

1. Edmodo

- Edmodo
- <https://Edmodo.com>
- Edmodo is social media for your classroom! It allows the class to write their own posts, the teacher can assign homework, check an organized to-do list, and award badges to students. The teacher can also assign polls and quizzes on the main page of the classroom. There is a library tab where the teacher can upload specific documents, worksheets, and other resources for the students to access. This online tool is well laid out and organized.
- I would use this tool for my classroom for a number of purposes. I think this is a great homework tool, but it can also be used to teach students how to use social media in a safe environment. I love the fact that one of the tabs shows what is assigned for the students, while the other shows the teacher what is still needing grading. I love that it includes polling, quizzes, and assignments in one easy place.

2. ClassDojo

- ClassDojo
- <https://www.classdojo.com/>
- ClassDojo is a positive tool for any classroom. This website comes with free mini lessons called Big Ideas that teach children about “Growth Mindsets,” “Perseverance,” “Empathy,” “Gratitude,” and “Mindfulness.” After your class completes a mini lesson, the whole class is awarded a badge. These badges send updates to parents to let them know what their child is doing in school. There is also “Class Story” which allows the teacher to send adorable greeting cards to the parents to let them know about breaks, short days, or other important announcements. Students can also log-in and check homework assignments and the class story. There is a messaging section that allows direct messages to be sent to parents and translated into over 35 languages.
- I personally love this tool. I have already planned on incorporating mindfulness and breathing exercises into my classroom, so this provides a great tool with cute little monsters that can show my students an example of how these things play out. I love that it is easy for the students to sign-in, using either their Google Account, a QR code, or an easy-to-text code. There are so many ways to update the parents and inspire better communication. I love the positivity angle, as you can award badges and give thumbs-ups for students. This is just a great website overall and I definitely plan to use it.

3. Vyond

- Vyond
- <https://www.vyond.com/>
- Vyond is a video creator that allows you to make an animated short film about anything you choose. This website comes with three different designs and

multiple templates, characters, and props. It is easy to select facial features, actions, and props. There would be a multitude of uses for both the teacher and students with this software.

- I would use this to create welcome videos for my class. It is a little time-consuming to start, but once you have mastered it, it is simple to use. As a teacher, it would be great to have a video that uses cute characters and props to give instructions. This increases student attention and retention. It is not free, however, so I would definitely have to make the best use of my money and use it quite often. However, my students could help me name the characters and attach more value to their “words.” Using captioning would also help with reading comprehension.
- There is an example movie in the folder that I made about our class rules.