

Online Tools

Kahoot

URL: <https://kahoot.com/>

Kahoot is an online tool that allows for students to take informal and fun quizzes. It can be used for more than just informal quizzes. It is a great form of assessment or brain break. A Kahoot game/assessment starts off by students “checking in” by submitting a username. Once everyone is checked in on their device, the teacher can begin the game/assessment. The screen will show which student submitted the correct answer the fastest and each student can earn points. This site can be used for all ages and all subjects, which makes it a great tool for the classroom. Students always love competitions, so this tool is great to us in the classroom. The only downfall of this online tool is that it is online. If the internet is not available, Kahoot can not be used. Teachers need to have a backup plan just in case. Teachers also need to be aware that this is the internet, so many students can be mischievous. Discuss appropriate usernames.

Poll Everywhere

URL: <https://www.polleverywhere.com/>

Poll Everywhere is a great poll tool for the classroom. A poll is a research survey. This can be used for many different things throughout the classroom. The student will use their iPads or phones to participate in this activity. There are many poll options for teachers to choose from. Multiple Choice, Word Cloud, Q&A, Clickable Image, Survey, Open-ended, and Competition are all the options for the different types of polls. One of my favorite options is the competition. Again, students love a good competition. The teacher can also set up the anonymous option in order for the students to answer questions anonymously. The only person to know who asked the question would be the teacher. This could help with classroom anxiety. This is an online tool that would be amazing in the classroom.

ClassDojo

URL: <https://www.classdojo.com/>

Class Dojo is another amazing tool for the classroom. In many situations, it is better for parents/guardians to not have their child’s cell phone number. For this reason, teachers can use Class Dojo to keep in contact with the teacher. Class Dojo has the following options: Timer, Random, Group Maker, Noise Meter, Directions, Think Pair Share, Today, Music, Attendance, Multiple Select, Random and Big Ideas. As you can see, Class Dojo has lots of great tools for the classroom. Timer can be used to show students how much time they have for specific events during the day. It would be great to use to keep up with time and teach time management skills. There is also a section that specifically documents behavior. Parents can get notifications at the exact time the teacher documents their child’s behavior, whether it be positive or negative.

