

1) Aleks

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

Aleks is a great online tool that can also be used as an app. Students are able to practice their math. They are able to access their account from school or home. Aleks keeps track of each thing that is completed by the student. It sets goals for the student to reach next. They are able to ask for help and get a little more explaining for something they don't quite understand. It knows that once they have mastered a specific lesson, to move them to the next lesson. The graphics and feedback makes it really fun to use and easy to navigate. It does several quizzes to ensure that they are really understanding the material. It provides a grade report at the end to see what their average score was and exactly what they have done. Since it is only for math, I would definitely use this for math practice! It is so fun for them to use, this would be a great way to keep them busy when I needed to do reading groups. They could easily log in and work on their math with no instruction for however long they needed to. This would also be a great way to assess their knowledge of the math we are currently covering to see who understands and who needs some intervention.

2) Kahoot

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

Kahoot is a great online tool that also can be used as an app. It is perfect for customizing any lesson. The teacher can create questions to make a quiz or the students can just play educational games to help them study. The teacher can even create custom games if they choose. There are also puzzles, polls, or create slides. There is a fun and competitive option where you can challenge your friends to do better than you. The students can use Kahoot individually, in groups, or as a whole class! Kahoot is great for any subject, lesson, group, or anything! Not to mention, the graphics are great and it is so easy to navigate. I could use Kahoot to turn a picture of a place into a puzzle when we're studying social studies. It is perfect for test review, because it does multiple choice and true or false. It would be a fun way to review vocabulary. I would use the whole class with Kahoot for math! It would be fun to put up a problem and have the students choose the correct answer using the poll option.

3) Class Dojo

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

Class Dojo is possibly the greatest communication tool I've ever seen. It has everything you would need in a communication tool for teachers and parents. Mainly, has a story feed, so the teacher can post anything they need to, to get to the parents quickly. There is also a private message option for some discretion. It does immediately notify the parent when something is posted. There is a toolkit that has several fun tools that can help in the classroom as well as at home! In my classroom, I would utilize the timer, as this can be used for anything, but there are a few options for a quick timer. Table topics is a fun tool that I could use for a writing prompt. It randomly scrolls through multiple topics and then lands on a question. The students would then use that question to write in their journals whatever they choose. I would be able to utilize the turn option. I could input everyone's name and it would keep up with who would be next. I could that for my helper system in the classroom. The music option is fantastic. I would utilize this to play some calming kid-friendly music while they do their work, or for wiggle time! There also is an option called bedtime stories. This is a great tool for the parents who run out of bedtime stories and books!