

Kahoot

www.kahoot.com

Kahoot is a website where teachers can log on and create a trivia game to play in the class with his/her students. Students play together in teams or on their own. Each person has some sort of device (iPad, computer, phone) and logs onto the website, and enters the code to the trivia game they want to play. They can't choose their own on-screen name, and they are competing against their classmates to answer the questions correctly and quickly. They then get points and the game keeps active ranking for each player.

I love Kahoot, I have used it many time but as a teacher and a student. It is fun for students. I think I would use this after reading a book to quiz about the book we just read, ask them questions on the characters, plot, and parts of a book. This could also be good for math review, but the questions are timed, so I don't know if I would want to use that with younger children.

Powtoons

www.powtoons.com

Powtoons is a website where teachers (or students) can create their own animated video about a topic. The website gives you characters that you can drag into the design area, and you can animate them, record your voice over them to have them talk as you make a video on a given topic. There are multiple types based on what you want to convey (explaining/marketing/info graphic/etc.). There are also many items that you can animate and backgrounds that you can choose.

I would have my students put some of their writing to a powtoon. I think that a narrative would work well, they would be picking a character for themselves and animating their own experience.

SurveyMonkey

www.surveymonkey.com

Survey monkey is one of many survey websites on the internet. You can create your own surveys and share them with those you wish to. There are different types of questions, and the website goes as far as to give you suggest questions based on the type of survey you said you were doing.

I would use this at the beginning of the year to get information from my parents so I don't have hundreds of papers crowding my desk (even though I'm sure this will happen anyway).