On-Line Tools

Name of the tool: Google Drive

URL of the tool: https://www.google.com/drive/

Description of the tool: It is an online container for things such as spreadsheets, word documents, drawings, and pictures. It is able to hold quite a bit of stuff in it and it is free and online. The different things such as Google Docs autosave so students never have to worry about saving their stuff. Students can also use this to collaborate online.

How I plan on using it/example: I will use this in my classroom as a way for students to type essays and submit them to me by sharing them with me. I will use this in my classroom by having children work collaboratively via the internet on a group project such as a slideshow over animals.

Name of the tool: Kahoot!

URL of the tool: https://kahoot.com/

Description of the tool: Kahoot is an online quiz maker/finder and can be used on a number of different devices. Teachers can go online and search topics that they are teaching and quiz (or Kahoot) their students over it using those quizzes.

How I plan on using it/example: I could use Kahoot to quiz my students over topics such as climate change. There are already several quizzes made about climate change by Columbia University. I will have students answer the quiz questions on their iPads as I display the questions on the projector/screen.

Name of the tool: Prezi

URL of the tool: https://prezi.com/

Description of the tool: Prezi is a presentation tool that helps people make creative slideshows. They are very simple and easy to make. Students can easily get distracted trying to make their slideshows look better, but Prezi pretty much does all of that work for them. Students will spend less time doing art and more time doing the actual project.

How I plan on using it/example: I plan on having my students get into groups of 3 and create a slideshow over certain topics such as the different ways that different animals defend or protect themselves. Students will research animals and their defenses and then create a slideshow using Prezi based on the information that they obtain.