Padlet:

Create a brief description of several ways Padlet can be used in your class.

- One way I want to use Padlet in my future classroom is for group projects. I would break the class into groups and assign each group a different topic within a category. Each group would have specifics to research and type, but they would create their own board and then add it to my board. At the end, the class would have all their projects on my board and then each group could present their findings to the class.

- Another way to use Padlet is for easy access off an iPad. I could create a lesson through Padlet which would allow students to go at their pace and allow me to go around and help those who need a little extra guidance. This could also be an opportunity for students to get extra practice at home because I could create and attach additional resources such as videos, songs, games, and worksheets.

- Padlet has different ways the information can be set up. I can create a main topic and then have arrows leading in different directions, so student could understand how everything fits together. I see this being especially useful when teaching how to write a paper because you can label the parts such as introduction, body 1, …, conclusion, along with a description of what this means, and their topic. This would serve as a guide to help students set up and write their paper.

- Padlet can also be used for book reviews. This could allow students to gather the main parts of the book such as the characters, main ideas, themes, quotes, and learn about the beginning/middle/end. Students would also be able to ask questions which would allow me to see who understands what and who needs additional help.

(First QR code is classroom technology and the second is my Padlet over text features.)

What have you discovered about on-line tools? How can they enhance your lessons? What do you like and dislike about them?

I discovered how easy to learn and beneficial on-line tools can be. There is an online tool for almost anything! Although, I didn't think it would be very useful for me since I want to be an elementary teacher and I don't think students should be using a lot technology at this age. However, I have found this would enhance the lesson and encourage participation. Padlet can enhance my lesson by allowing me to attach videos, games, worksheets, songs, etc all to one board. I liked how there were many different layouts and how students can collaborate on one board together. I think this would enhance my lesson because students would rather get on an iPad instead of using their regular pencil and paper. I want to limit the use of iPads and Padlet so that when it is used, students are excited and participate. There isn't much I dislike about Padlet. Although, I think the downfall would be the need to have a username and password because first graders aren't going to remember them. To help me as the teacher, I would create their accounts and put all their passwords as the same such as the school name, so I did not have to constantly reset it or look up their information. Another downfall is that since it is online, internet connection is needed or else the tool would not work. This could throw off plans if the service was down or slow one day.