

Online Tools

1. Plickers

URL: <https://get.plickers.com/>

Description: Plickers is an online formative assessment tool that allows teachers to create quizzes that can be accessed by students via a web browser or an app. It is best used during lessons to allow teachers to assess where the students are at in a lesson and determine where he/she should go from there.

How I plan to use it: I intend to use Plickers during lessons as a formative assessment tool during direct instruction lessons or mini-lessons. I can also use it as a pre assessment to determine what topic(s) I need to focus on.

2. Classdojo

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

Description: Classdojo is a teacher/parent/student communication tool. Not only does it have messaging abilities, it also allows teachers and parents to award the student with positive behavior points, as well as give demerits to bad behaviors. This has been relevant to me as a parent to see in real time how my own children are behaving in school, so I believe this to be a valuable tool for parent/teacher relationships.

How I plan to use it: I intend to mainly use this as a way to let parents know how their kids are behaving in class. It is also a great way to keep records about teacher/parent/student interactions.

3. Kidblog

URL: <https://kidblog.org/home/>

Description: Kidblog is a publishing website that is specific to a class. It gives students a safe place to publish their writing and it gives them an authentic audience without broadcasting their work to the entire Internet. There is an option to allow the students' work to be broadcast to the Internet if a teacher wished to do that.

How I plan to use it: Students need an authentic audience to read their works. This site makes it easy for students to post writing in a safe place that will also allow students to receive peer review on their work. My plan for this is to use it to allow students to publish their work, send and receive feedback, and allow students to keep a digital portfolio of their work.