

Online Tools

1. Kahoot

<https://kahoot.com>

Kahoot is a website and an app where you are able to make a game out of different materials. You are able to add your own questions and when students play, it gives points for streaks, first person to answer, etc. You can also use quizzes made by other teachers. It is a fun way to engage students to help them study for tests and review material in order to assess learning. This tool is free.

I plan on incorporating this into my classroom often. I have used it as a tool for tutoring my cousin, where I turned her review questions into a quiz, and we played against each other. It was fun with just the two of us, and I imagine it would be even more fun in a whole classroom. We played games similar to Kahoot when I was in high school and those were the best days. I would like my students to have that same feeling.

2. ClassDojo

<https://www.classdojo.com>

ClassDojo is a website and an app to connect with parents about student behavior and student work. You are able to create a classroom that parents can join in order to see how their children are doing. What makes this app really cool is that you are able to translate messages into multiple languages, so it would be really amazing for communicating with your non-English speaking parents and making them feel more comfortable.

I would use this in my classroom to communicate with parents instead of texting/calling them for everything. I would also showcase student work through this app since you are able to upload photos to individual student portfolios.

3. NaNoWriMo's Young Writer's Program

<https://ywp.nanowrimo.org>

National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo, is a month-long writing event with the goal of reaching 50,000 words by the end of a month (the

amount of words needed for your book to be considered a novel). For the young writer's programs, the students are able to set their word count individually and work towards that goal by the end of the month. They are able to earn badges as well as motivation to keep writing. They are even able to print their novel after it is completed.

As someone who loves writing and who wants to instill a love of writing in all students, I would definitely use this in my classroom. I have participated in NaNoWriMo every year (aside from this year) since 2010. The students are able to be as creative as they want to be and just write without worrying about it being perfect. I think they would love it just as much as I do.