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Nine ideas for...

using Google tools in the classroom

Google has tools that can help students create and collaborate, and help you manage your classroom and communicate with parents.

- 1 CREATE A CLASSROOM CALENDAR.**
Checking your class schedule for upcoming events is one of the top reasons parents and students will visit you online.
- 2 HAVE STUDENTS SUBMIT ASSIGNMENTS VIA GOOGLE DRIVE.**
Students can share with you their documents, spreadsheets, videos and more in online portfolios.
- 3 DEVELOP A CLASSROOM WEBSITE USING GOOGLE SITES.**
A website is great for sharing announcements, content and ideas. With Google Sites, you can incorporate Google tools into your website.
- 4 DOWNLOAD GOOGLE CHROME.**
Sync your bookmarks, passwords, websites and other Google Chrome tools whether at work, home or anywhere else. (Just avoid syncing with a shared computer.)
- 5 MEET WITH COLLEAGUES IN A GOOGLE+ HANGOUT.**
With Google+ you can create a video conference, a.k.a. hangout, and meet online with up to ten people at once.
- 6 GET VOICEMAILS WITHOUT CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS .**
Create a Google Voice phone number for your classroom answering machine and the phone won't ring when you're working with students.
- 7 USE ADVANCED SEARCH.**
Advanced Search offers several tools to help students find the right results. They can even search by reading level and file type, and if using Chrome, you can use Voice Search.
- 8 CREATE A VIRTUAL TOUR IN GOOGLE EARTH.**
Take your students on a field trip to any place in the world. With Google Earth you can embed content from other sites, including YouTube videos, photos, etc.
- 9 CREATE QUIZZES THAT GRADE THEMSELVES.**
Use Flubaroo, a simple script found in the insert menu of the Google Forms response spreadsheet, run the wizard and it will grade your quiz and email students their scores.

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