

# TECHNOLOGY IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM

Presented by Lori Blantz Early Childhood Special Education  
Services Instructional Technology Coach at IU13

# **Agenda:**

- 1. Teacher testimonials**
- 2. Sharing of current software tools to use with students with special needs in specific instructional areas.**
- 3. Demo of a lesson plan infusing technology**
- 4. Closing**

# TESTIMONIALS OF USING TECHNOLOGY IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM

**By Julianna Hershey: IU13 AS Middle**

**School Teacher:***In my autistic support classroom, technology is both **engaging and motivating for my students**. Most of the time, my students are more willing to complete an academic task if it is posed through the lens of technology. One of my students groans each time he sees the math curriculum come out but when I use the SMARTboard throughout the lesson, he is **excited to engage with the lesson. Technology has allowed me to reach my students** in a way that paper and pencil activities did not.*

**By Taylor Boone- ES Middle School**

**teacher at Etown SD.** *It's been a great start!*

*All the students have a chromebook. They are all so excited and **have been more engaged than I ever imagined**. They comment on google classroom both mornings! I was worried at first but their reaction has gotten me EXTREMELY excited! I have even made 2 weeks worth of lessons and assessments on a Google classroom to start math once the students get back into their routine. The students are enjoying exploring the Chromebook and **seem excited to learn more**! Now that I have the students comfortable with Google classroom and logged in with new accounts for the other programs I am so excited to see where my students go from here.*

# TESTIMONIALS OF USING TECHNOLOGY IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM

By Daniella Dilozenzo- ES teacher at Community School West - *The impact that technology has had on my classroom has been profound. As a teacher it has allowed me to **expand my instruction to better meet the needs of each of my students**. It has also helped my **students feel confident about working independently** and has **engaged them in learning in a more meaningful way**.*

By Sandi Good: IU13 ES teacher at Mulberry Street - *Technology is a vital component of the academic structure of my classroom. **It provides the flexibility to differentiate for my 5 instructional levels** (across 3 grade levels), **keeps students engaged** and learning, and **provides them an education that is parallel to their general education peers**.*

# TESTIMONIALS OF USING TECHNOLOGY IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM

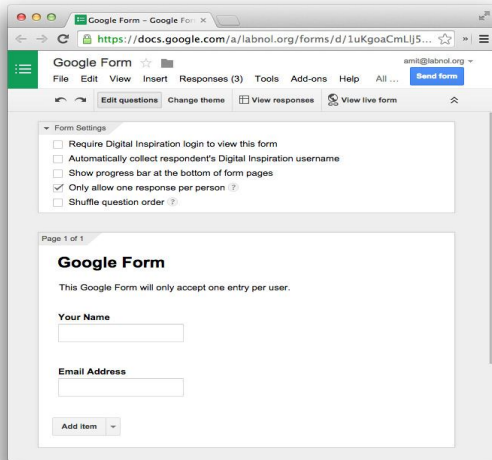
**By Rebecca Yoon: IU13 ES Elementary**

**School teacher-** *Technology has made an enormous impact on the learning environment in my classroom. It has been a powerful tool that has enabled new ways to supported and transformed the way students in my classroom are learning, communicating and working collaboratively. The student's willingness to become part of their learning has expanded more than I could have ever imagined. Technology has removed the barriers that my students face each day which causes discouragement and frustration. The opportunities created by the access to technology have helped increase my student's confidence in themselves and their abilities. It has encouraged them to take risks and attempt task that were before difficult for them. Technology has help my students take ownership and gain pride in their education process.*

**By Barbara Spencer: IU13 Itinerant**

**AS Teacher:** *The addition of technology resources has greatly enhanced the level of engagement from my students. The students demonstrate more interest in the information being presented when using the computer instead of worksheets. The resources that allow students to be hands on and interactive especially increases their attention to the lesson. Three that I found to be most beneficial to improving my lessons included Code.org, PowerMyLearning.com and abcya.com.*

# Tech Tools for Morning Check In:



**Google Form**



**Kahoot**



**padlet**

We give you a blank wall.  
You put anything you want on it, anywhere.  
Simple, yet powerful.

**Build a wall**

**Padlet**

# Tech Tools for Math Class

## Instructional Math Sites



## Power My Learning

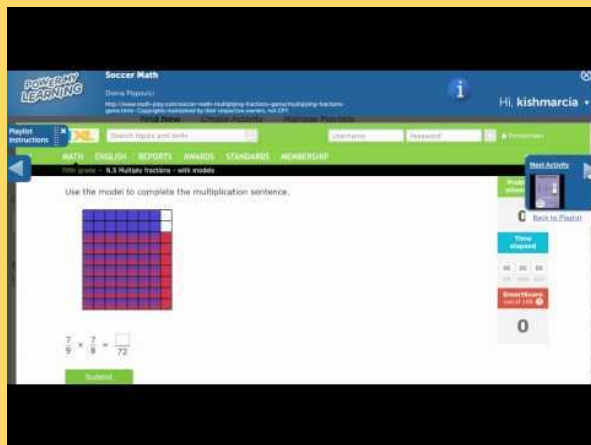
## Prodigy



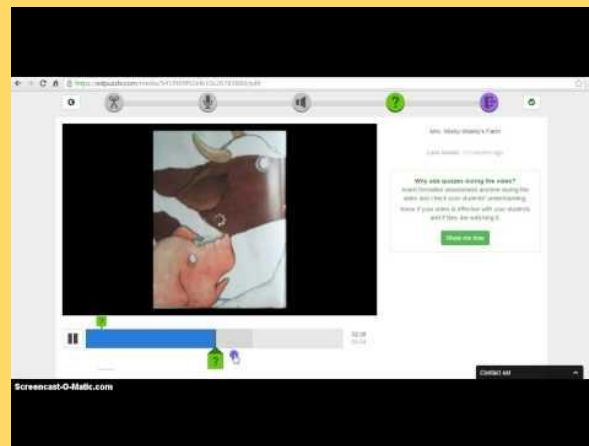
## Timz Attack



# Tech Tools for ELA Class



**Power My Learning**



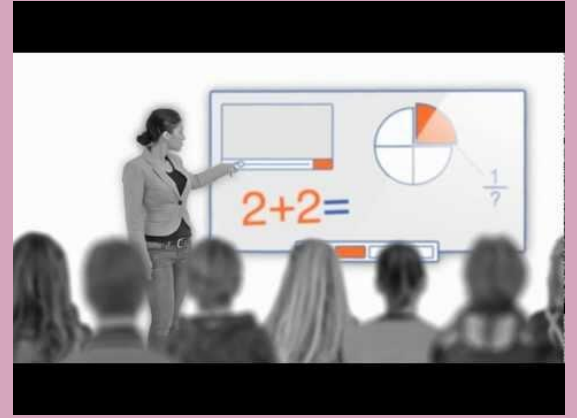
**Ed Puzzles**



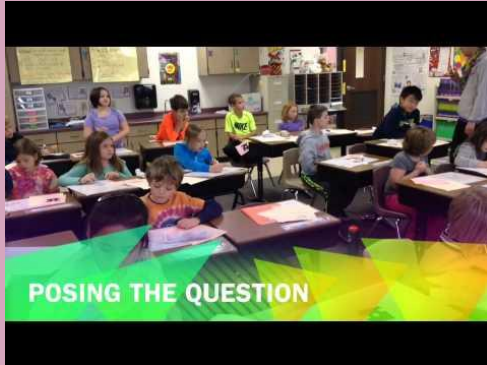
**BrainPop/BrainPopJr**



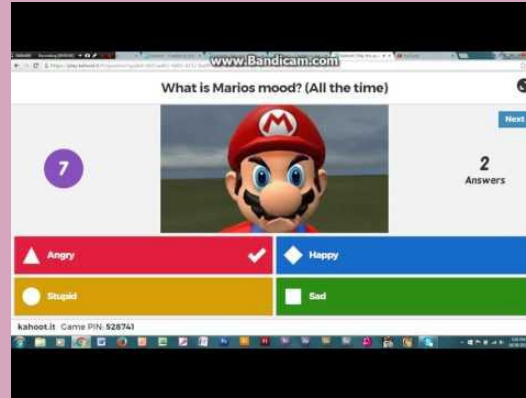
# Tech Tools for Morning Meeting



Gynzy



Plickers



Kahoot

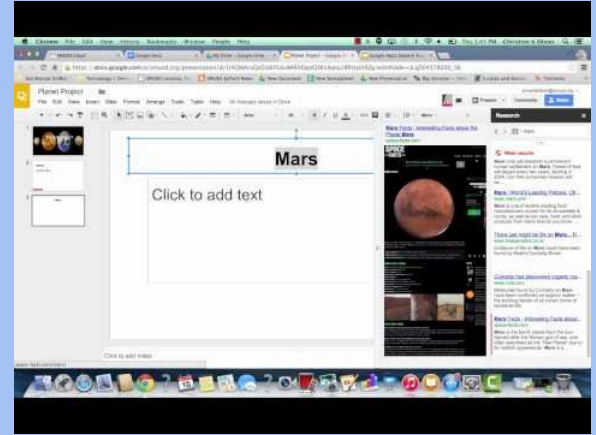
# Collaborative Learning Tools



Using GAFE tools



CODE.ORG



Google Slides

102 Free or free to try Personalized Learning Tools

# TECHNOLOGY TOOLS FOR SOCIAL SKILLS



[Operation Respect](#)

[Brain Breaks](#)



[Go Noodle](#)

[MOVE IT - Chrome Extension](#)

[#donothingfor2minutes](#)

# TECHNOLOGY INFUSED IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION MATH CLASSROOM

**[Link to demo lesson plan on using technology in the classroom](#)**

