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Learning with Web 2.0 Tools

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### Integrating technology into instruction

- With digital technology and Web 2.0, it seems, that there is more "reading and writing" than ever before
- We read and write to share and to participate
- We create "content" to share with a larger audience that goes beyond our classroom walls

### What are Web 2.0 Tools?

- used for interactive information sharing
- give their users the free choice to interact or collaborate with each other in a social media dialogue as creators of user-generated content in a virtual community, in contrast to websites where users are limited to the passive viewing of content that was created for them.
- Examples of Web 2.0 include social-networking sites like Facebook, blogs, wikis, and video-sharing sites like Voicethread.

### Wallwisher

- Wallwisher is a notice board maker or sticky-note maker for discussing new ideas, taking notes, giving feedback, sharing opinions. Anyone who views the Wallwisher can leave a post. This is an opportunity for parents, teachers, and other students to collaborate in building the wall.
- How to: log on to the site, create a wall and write/post individual stickies. They have a maximum of 160 characters. Copy the url to embed it on your site.
- Think of how you can use it in your instruction. Then share with a partner.
- <http://eslschnee.weebly.com/1st-wallwisher-characters.html>

### Voicethread

Voicethread is a tool for holding a conversation around media, whether it is images, drawings, writing. You can hold a whole group discussion on one page. I use it for practicing oral skills, reading and writing and for culminating activities or writing celebrations. It is a great tool for sharing with parents.

How to: you can make it as simple as scanning a book cover and having students comment around that one visual or you can scan and upload students' work and then add comments. Copy the url to embed it on your site.

- Think of how you can use it in your instruction. Then share with a partner.

<http://eslschnee.weebly.com/feelings-voicethread.html>

### Wordle

- Wordle is a tool for generating "word clouds". You can tweak your clouds with different fonts, layouts, and color schemes. Great for brainstorming, activating background knowledge and vocabulary.
- How to: log on to the site, create a wordle.
- **WARNING:** you can't copy a url to embed it on your site, you have to screen capture it in order to upload it to your site.
- Think of how you can use it in your instruction. Then share with a partner.
- <http://eslschnee.weebly.com/1st-wordles-character-traits.html>

### Glogster

- Glogster is a 21st century online interactive poster maker. Users have the ability to mix images with text, music and video.
- How to: scan your students' work and upload it to the site. Copy the url to embed it on your site.
- <http://eslschnee.weebly.com/kinder-bilingual-glogcookbook.html>

### Answer Garden

- Answer Garden is a tool for brainstorming or sharing words or phrases. Students and parents can post answers to your questions by entering their own answers or by clicking on and submitting existing answers. All of the answers are represented in the form of a word cloud. 25 answers are visible per garden but if students submit the same answer, that word will grow bigger. Max. 20 characters
- How to: log on to the site, write your question and copy the url to embed it on your site.
- Think of how you can use it in your instruction. Then share with a partner.
- <http://eslschnee.weebly.com/parent-child-spring-words.html>

### Podcasting

- A Podcast is a pre-recorded audio program that's posted to a website and is made available for download so people can listen to them on personal listening devices such as an ipod. Many tools exist that enable you to create Podcasts. One that I use frequently is Podomatic.
- How to: log on to Podomatic, record your students' voice. Copy the url to embed it on your site.
- Think of how you can use it in your instruction. Then share with a partner.
- <http://eslschnee.weebly.com/spring-poems-inspired-by-handsprings.html>
- <http://eslschnee.weebly.com/1st-haiku-podcast.html>

### Slide.com

- Slide is a slide showmaker that is a great tool to do a variety of slide presentations.
- It has great backgrounds that enhance your students' work and it is another way to display writing.
- How to: scan your students' work and upload it to the site. Copy the url to embed it on your site.
- Think of how you can use it in your instruction. Then share with a partner.
- <http://eslschnee.weebly.com/1st-rain-forest-slideshow.html>

### Issuu

- Issuu is a digital book. Just like real books or magazines, pages can be turned and flipped, and also viewed full screen or magnified. Issuu is great for showcasing students' writing and sharing. There is no audio component to it.
- How to: scan your students' work, create a word document and upload it to the site. Copy the url to embed it on your site.
- Think of how you can use it in your instruction. Then share with a partner.
- <http://eslschnee.weebly.com/kinder-good-morning-zookeeper-book.html>
- <http://eslschnee.weebly.com/our-peace-book.html>

### Blogs

- There are many free sites for blogging- including the one we are using for this course which is Blogger.com. Popular blogging sites for teachers and students are Kidblog.org and Edublogs.
- Wikis are all about collaboration and can be a fantastic storytelling and writing tool. Remember with a wiki all registered users can author the page.
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- <http://eslschnee.weebly.com/ell-parent-blog.html>

### Skype

Skype is an application that allows you to make phone calls or video chats over the internet. You can share a story, hold a meeting, work with colleagues, interview experts or authors. You can use Skype on your computer, you just need to **download** it. It is free- to speak, see and instant message other people on Skype for example. You can even try out group video, with the latest version of Skype for a monthly fee.

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<http://eslschnee.weebly.com/all-about-polar-animals.html>

### Why should you integrate these tools to your instruction?

- They allow for extending and expanding learning
- They can be used at different stages of instruction
- They showcase your students and your work in an exciting and engaging way
- They can be shared by parents and by relatives overseas
- They make readers, writers and communicators of our students

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- Slide - <http://www.slide.com/>
- Issuu - <http://issuu.com/>
- Answer Garden - <http://answergarden.ch/>
- Podomatic - <http://www.podomatic.com/login>
- Blogs - <http://www.blogger.com>
- Wikis - <http://www.wikispaces.com/>