

## *V.B. Glencoe Charter Technology Newsletter*

In November, a few members of the Technology Committee spent two days in New Orleans at the LACUE conference. Here are some of the great tools that we came across during the conference to introduce more technology into the classroom.

### *Nearpod*

Nearpod is an app or website that can be used to share presentations with students. Each student will log in using a code provided by you. While you give the presentation, students will follow along slide by slide. Some slides will contain questions for them to answer. It is a great way to engage your students while giving a presentation. Nearpod has pre-made presentations or you can create your own.  
[Nearpod](#)

### *FrontRow*

Front Row is a free website full of lessons for Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies for first through eighth grade aligned to the Louisiana State Standards. You can create student accounts and assign lessons to individual students or the whole group.  
[Front Row](#)

### *XtraMath*

XtraMath is a free website that allows you to assign extra math practice to students to complete at school or at home. You can also complete the practice as a class on your SmartBoard.  
[XtraMath](#)

### *Epic*

Epic is a web-based library that is free to educators. It has free ebooks for students age 12 and under. Each student has their own profile that keeps track of the books they have read. There are books in multiple languages for ELL students. Epic can be used for independent readers, as well as, for whole group instruction by displaying it on the smartboard.  
[Epic](#)

### *Flippity*

Flippity is a website that turns Google Sheets (Google's free version of Excel) into many different products. There are multiple demos that show you how to create flashcards, a quiz show, random name picker, memory game, word search, crossword, bingo game, hangman, and many more.  
[Flippity](#)

### *Kiddle*

Kiddle is a website that serves as a search engine for students. It only allows students to see "kid friendly" websites and images.  
[Kiddle](#)

### *Prodigy*

Prodigy is a free online math game that is aligned to the LA state standards. Log in and create your class. Students will take a placement test and then begin their journey. Prodigy will send reports as your students progress.  
[Prodigy](#)

### *SeeSaw*

SeeSaw is an online student-driven digital portfolio. Students upload and share their work on this website. Nothing can be shared without teacher's approval making it a safe space to share. It encourages students to reflect and collaborate with one another. The information is able to be shared with parents so they can view their student's work. Students can sign in with their google accounts provided by the school.  
[SeeSaw](#)

## *Code.org*

Code.org is a free website that allows students to learn how to code. The activities range from Pre-k to adult and gives a step by step guide to teaching coding. Perfect for early finishers!

[Code.org](https://code.org)

## *Teach Your Monster To Read*

Teach Your Monster to Read is a free online program that is aimed at helping struggling students with phonics skills. Students can sign in with their own accounts, or it can be set on the teacher's account. This is an app for tablets, as well as, a website.

[Teach Your Monster to Read](https://teachyourmonstertoread.com)

## *FlipGrid*

FlipGrid is a video discussion community for your students. Students make short videos and share them with the class. Students can record themselves retelling a story, explaining a new concept learned in Science, giving a report for Social Studies, or solving a problem in Math.

[FlipGrid](https://flipgrid.com)

## *My SimpleShow*

My Simple Show is a website that allows students to write a story and have it turned into a video. Students go through the writing process by answering writing prompts. After the student is finished, the site pulls out specific words and attaches a picture to the writing. Once it is complete, the student will watch a video of the writing and the illustrations. It will also read the story to them. Great for retelling concepts!

[My Simple Show](https://mysimpleshow.com)

## *Go Formative*

Goformative is a web-based formative assessment creator that students will take on computers. You can upload a PDF and add questions on top of it for the students to answer. You can set a key with a point value so it will grade it for you. The assessment is shared via google classroom or with a code directly linked to the website.

[Go Formative](https://goformative.com)

## *Google Expeditions*

Google Expeditions is a free virtual reality program that can be used with phones or tablets. Students are able to "visit" many places all over the world in the classroom. Students can take turns looking at the device or multiple devices can be used

at the same time with the teacher as the "guide".

[Google Expeditions](https://www.google.com/expeditions)

## *EdPuzzle*

EdPuzzle is website that allows you to show videos with embedded questions for your students to answer to the class via the whiteboard or individual devices.

Teachers can create their own EdPuzzles or search pre-made puzzles. This is a great tool for introducing lessons or reinforcing skills.

[EdPuzzle](https://edpuzzle.com)

## *Wizer.me*

Wizer.me lets teachers create interactive worksheets for students to answer on tablets or computers. There are premade worksheets that you can borrow for your class. Students access the worksheets with a link shared on Google Classroom.

[Wizer.Me](https://wizer.me)

## *Science Journal*

Science Journal is an app that downloads to devices and chromebooks. It enables students to take notes, pictures, and videos. It can also measure light, sound, acceleration, and air pressure using the built in sensors of the device.

[Science Journal](https://www.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.pearson.sj)

## Plickers

Plickers is a quiz game that is interactive. Each student has a QR code with a, b, c, d printed on each side. The teacher asks a multiple choice question and the students will hold their QR code with the letter of their choice at the top. The teacher uses a device to scan the room collecting each student's answer. A report is sent to the computer to show the different answers the students selected. A report is given after each question.

[Plickers](#)

## Everfi

Everfi is a website that allows teachers to equip students with essential life skills. The available courses start at 4th grade and move up through high school, and cover topics like math, literacy, financial skills, and real-life applications of STEM. It's great because it offers interactive learning experiences and performance-based games. Plus, it's all FREE!

[Everfi](#)

## Storybird

Storybird is an online, web-based tool that is a way for students to make and create online storybooks. The website provides you with many art collections to choose from on a topic of their choosing, or they can write on an assigned topic. After they finish, their book is able to be read by other students and those students can leave comments for the author to read. Their storybooks are also able to be shared with family and friends via URL link.

[Storybird](#)

## VoiceThread

This site is for students to create a presentation using videos, docs, or images. Students can record their voices and use the pen to write within the presentation. Students can also write or record their voices to comment on slides.

[VoiceThread](#)

## Blabberize

Blabberize allows students to take any picture, record information, and make the picture "talk". Students can use this website in any subject.

[Blabberize](#)

## Google Classroom

Google Classroom is an online portal for all grades. Students can complete assignments on the site and teachers can share links, images, and presentations with their students. If you are interested in seeing a demo of classroom, please contact Kristen. The 6th and 7th grade classes use Google Classroom on a daily basis. The google tools make assessing students and grading quick and easy. For more information, visit the link below. [Google Classroom](#)