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Hey how's your day going so far?

Good! Are you on planning time? I have my double today so I'm just photocopying 80 million pages for our next social studies unit.

You still photocopy those units? Why aren't you making these things digital? Doesn't your school have chrome books so you can just pop the info out to everyone and then monitor their progress while you teach and run learning activities?

Ha! I wish! We do have chrome books but they are never available and when they are, students have no idea how to use them. We're down here in primary where it just doesn't make sense to be on a screen all day. Until something changes in a big way, I'll be over here with my duo-tangs begging students not to lose their homework each night!



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Ugh that's terrible! You should come to my board! ....maybe we can convince a few teachers to retire at my school and then you can swoop on in and we can be teaching besties!!

No but seriously! Your board needs to get on it. It's such a game changer!

Isn't it kind of passive though? A bunch of screen zombies? Maybe I should become an eye doctor and capitalize on this?

Noooooo! It's not passive! I had my class sitting around the library yesterday writing on Google Docs and I was able to privately check in on their work and offer feedback in real time. I got to all 30 students! Their writing is getting so much better because of it!



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Ahhh that would be nice! I bet if I advocated for more tech we could figure something out. I'll have to talk to my principal though.

I'm sure something can be done. Even if you just start using what you have. Book that clunky cart for one class a week and build tech into your routine so it's not overwhelming.

Ya that could work! Okay but what about the dark side here? I feel like if a student can't read (because we use a terrible reading program that has been shown not to work for decades now!) we just stick them on an IEP and toss a laptop at them rather than working to solve the problem.

Ya you gotta be careful with it. Right to Read is coming out so hopefully students will be able to read in the coming cohorts. For now, you just have to be really careful that you stay present as a teacher. Keep checking in and keep staying active.



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Gahhhh! The photocopier jammed!!!!

See?!! It's a sign!! A sign that I'm right! lol

Your students will love it and you just have to lead the way. They will be passive if you are allowing it but if you plan activities well, the pros outweigh the cons, imo

Ya you're right. And they're going to have access to tech no matter what so they might as well have a responsible adult guiding them.

Exactlyyyyyyyyyyy. Go see if your school has a tech lead. If not, I'm sure the lead at my school would chat with us! We can bring her a starbucks and get the low down.

Will do! Okay planning time is almost over so I gotta peace out. I'll check in with what we have and get back to you! Have a good one!

You too!! See ya later!

