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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?

Nooooo! 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.

Exactlyyyyyyyyy. 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!

