Blogging Guide

Introducing and Blogging with your K-8 Students

It's Not About the Tools, It's About the Skills

Collaboration Skills
Presentation Skills
Communication Skills
Media Literacy
Technology Skills
Typing Skills
Writing Skills
Hyperlinked Writing
Networking Skills
Information Literacy
Digital Citizenship
Reflection Skills
Publishing Skills
Organizational Skills
Global Awareness
Folksonomy
Reading Skills
Commenting Skills
Digital Footprint

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1. Introduction

- Concept of Blogging
- Mechanics of Blogging Platform
- Logistics of Blogging Process
- Create Own Understanding of Blogging
- Examples of Student Blogs

2. Online Safety

- Online Identity
- Think Before You Post
- Online Bullying
- Responsible Behavior Guidelines

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3 Commenting

- Difference Between Social and Academic Commenting
- Commenting Etiquette
- Commenting Starters
- Quality Comments

Social Comments

Academic Comments

Quality Commenting

Comment Starters

...This Made me Think of...
...I Discovered...
...I was Reminded of...
...This is Important, because...
...I Wonder Why...
...Your Writing Made Me Remember...

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4 Writing

• Difference between social and academic writing
• Writing etiquette
• Writing prompts

Writing Starters

• Write book reviews & recommendations
• Recipes for success
• Continuing stories
• Study hints
• Learning is like...
• There are a lot of ways to...
• My tip of the day is...
• Have you ever tried to figure out why...
• I thought it would be fun to share...

Wall Blogging

- I think my parents will be impressed with this work because...
- At the beginning of the year I did not know...
- This is not my best work, but I could have improved it by...
- I am pleased that I put significant effort into...
- I still need to work on...
- I got "stuck" working on this task when...
- I got "unstuck" by...
- I can see evidence of growth towards my goal because...
- My (writing/reading/spelling/mathematical) thinking has changed by...
- I was challenged by this work because...
- One way I will try to improve my... is...
- I am very proud of this because...
- I have improved...

Photo Blogging

Reflection Starters

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• Actively connecting to experts and peers from around the world
• Connecting classroom learning to authentic opportunities and audiences
• Global networking literacy

The Student Blogging Challenge runs twice yearly. A new challenge starts March and September, each year.

It is made up of a series of 10 weekly tasks all designed to improve blogging and commenting skills while connecting students with a global audience.

The challenge is open to both class blogs and to individual student bloggers from all over the world and of all ages.

Imagine four schools that had a partnership/agreement that would mean that for a four week cycle, each school’s blog would be the focus for one week out of four. Each school in the Quad would spend some time visiting the blog of the school for that week, leave comments etc. After that week, another one of the four schools would be the focus and this would be repeated for the four week cycle and then repeated. Original idea by David Mitchell.

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Interested in learning more about blogging with your students? Take a look at the Langwitches Blog for more details on how to implement blogging in your classroom.

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