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Technology Tools

Technology is positively impacting learning in the classroom. As you develop lesson plans, consider incorporating technology tools that will enhance student engagement and hands-on learning.

When communicating with parents and developing individualized digital portfolios, consider using an app that is available to teachers. Go to <http://bit.ly/1DzuoVM> to learn more about the new trends in educational apps. Visit <http://bit.ly/1QqJW2J> to learn more about apps teachers recommend. Use websites like <https://code.org/> or resources like <http://arkansasstemcoalition.com/> to bring coding and STEM into your classroom. Learn how you can add project-based learning into any content area or grade level by visiting <http://www.learningblade.com/>.

As you think about how you want to update your lesson plans or encourage parental involvement, consider asking yourself the following questions.

- How can I use technology as a learning tool in my own classroom?
- What professional development about technology do I need?
- What websites and apps will help my students with homework?
- What apps can I use to communicate with parents and students?
- How can I incorporate coding into my daily lessons?

Flu Prevention

During flu season, be sure to talk to your students about ways to prevent the spread of germs. Get ready-to-use lesson plans for your class by visiting <http://bit.ly/2eBYaDx>, or find classroom activities at <http://bit.ly/2eKgMyL>. Don't forget to cover the symptoms of the flu and how to prevent spreading it.

Help educate your students' parents too. Make sure parents know about the school's flu clinic. Send home tips for parents to help them differentiate the flu from the typical cold: <http://bit.ly/1imEaUw>. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has resources for parents at <http://bit.ly/1e1YbWv>. Also, do not forget to remind parents about the school's policy regarding sick students.

During preparation for the flu season, do not forget about your own health. Eating healthy, exercising, getting the flu vaccine, and using other preventative measures will help keep you happy, healthy and in the classroom throughout the flu season.

When thinking about flu prevention in your classroom, consider the following questions.

- What flu prevention practices can I incorporate in my classroom?
- What flu prevention tips can I share with parents?
- How do I notify parents if a student gets sick while at school?
- What can I do to avoid getting the flu?