



# ITRT TECH MINUTE

It's been a difficult week not knowing what is going to happen, waiting for news, and worrying about your students. We want you to know that if you have questions, need help setting up a new digital tool or using a new method, or want suggestions for ways to integrate technology into a certain unit or lesson, please let us know! We are here to make digital learning easier and more effective for you and your students.

I read in USA Today the following:

*Just remember: Education is about growing from new experiences, even when they aren't necessarily the experiences offered in a course catalog.*

I'm sure you are scrambling to know how to continue to provide equitable lesson plans for your students and this isn't what you are comfortable with. With guidance from your principal, I am here to help with your transition. I hope you know I am a quick email away. I can quickly upload a .pdf to the website or hold your "mouse" while you learn a new program. I am quick to respond to a "help me" message. I would say it is within the hour.

I will be uploading "how to" videos of what we have been using this year. I feel it is too much to expect parents to have added stress trying to teach a child a program the student has not had training on, so please avoid finding lots of new programs.



It is more than okay to feel lost in this type of situation. We are all navigating through uncharted territory and each day presents a new challenge.

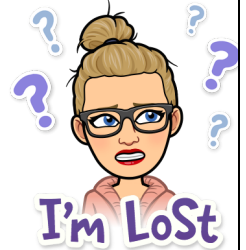
Just like we want our students to feel comfortable reaching out to us for a question (particularly in a time like this), we all want the same for you. **There is no such thing as a stupid question**, especially when it comes to using new or unfamiliar technology.

We are not trying to have you feel overwhelmed as we know that you all have a lot on your plates right now, we just want you all to know that we are here to support you.

I am an avid user of Google

Classroom and have no problem getting anyone started on that platform if they so choose. I also have videos that I can send your way if needed!

Please email/call and I will find a way to help you out!



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