How to Start the Year Right on Google Classroom Part 1

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Objectives

- Participants will be able to:
  - Choose between different types of classwork and attachments
  - Organize classwork into topics and create a library of resources for students
  - Connect Classroom with non-Google educational apps

- I can adjust the workshop to meet your needs, so feel free to ask questions at any point!

Google Classroom

- A learning management system (LMS), similar to Blackboard or Canvas, which facilitates interaction between teachers and students

- Available on computers, tablets, and smartphones

- With Google Classroom, you can easily:
  - Communicate with students
  - Share materials with your class
  - Keep track of assignments and grades
  - Give homework, group projects, and individual assignments

Joining and creating classes

- To create a class, go to Google Classroom (on any device) and click the plus sign icon.

- To join a class, students need the class code or invite link.

- There may be restrictions on who can join, depending on your organization's Google settings.
  - "A school with students" message (with personal account)

Classroom components

- Classes

- Stream

- Classwork

- People

- Grades

Stream

- A class message board or "News Feed"

- Teacher or students can post (by default)

- Attach links, files (from Google Drive or your computer), or YouTube videos

- Move posts to the top

- A good place to post a Zoom link

- Adjust to your preferences in Class Settings

Phoebe Chen
Mar 21, 2018 (Edited Mar 21, 2018)

No school on Thursday. Afternoon students have a nice long weekend. Morning students, see you guys on Friday!

Also, I found out that the best way to know about Malden Public closing is to look at their Twitter account! They have the latest information.

MaldenPublicSchools (@...
https://twitter.com/MaldenPublic...

5 class comments

Gabriel   Mar 22, 2018
😭

Add class comment...

Emilio
Feb 20, 2018

I have a dream!

Feb 20, 2018 at 12:06 AM.... Image	Feb 20, 2018 at 12:06 AM.... Image

3 class comments

Phoebe Chen Feb 20, 2018
Wow, so cool! Hope you enjoy your trip there!

Gabriel Feb 21, 2018
😄😄😄 Happy for you ! Enjoy ! 😊 🍷

katia Feb 24, 2018
I love it!! It's so cool Emilio!!Enjoy your vacation!!

Stream activity

- Think of an online resource that you would recommend to other teachers. Copy the link and attach it to a Stream post. Write a brief description of the resource and why you recommend it.

- Reply to others' ideas by clicking "Add class comment…"

Types of classwork

- Question — short answer or multiple choice

- Assignment

- Quiz assignment

- Material

What can you add to classwork?

- Google Docs, Slides, Forms, etc. (new or preexisting)

- YouTube videos

- Links

- Files uploaded from your computer/device

- Google Drive files

Other classwork features

- Assign to all students or only some (differentiation!)
- Points
- Due dates
- Scheduling
- Rubrics
- Editing
- Reusing posts

Topics

- An important organizing tool

- Organize by date, subject, type of activity, etc.

- Library of recommended resources

- Program information

- Advising resources

A student's perspective

- Click on "Sample Question." Type your response under "Your answer," then click "Turn in."

- Click on "See classmate answers" and reply to other people's responses.

- Click on "Sample Assignment." Follow the instructions to complete the assignment. Be careful – you may be graded on this! 😉

Discussion

1. How do you think your students would benefit from these features?

2. Which types of classwork (assignments, questions, quizzes, etc.) would you like to create?

3. What are your takeaways from what we've covered so far?

Homework

1. In classwork, create a different type of activity than you have done before.

2. Add some topics to organize your classwork, including one for resources and/or important information.

Feel free to contact me with any questions!

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