Hidden Sparks 2020 Summer Learning Summit

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As we continue to think about our return to school, we need to begin to think about how the first few weeks of school will look. Along with all of the new changes, guidelines, and protocols we will need to follow, there will be an unknown of what will happen from one day to the next. At any moment our physical school will switch to a virtual setting. It is important to carve time into all of the new routines to introduce your students to the digital platforms you have chosen to use during this upcoming school year. Choosing digital platforms and tools in advance of the school year starting will set your students up for success in a virtual classroom environment. Based on conversations during Lily's session and during work group time, I have pulled together resources that will help continue to build your resource library for your virtual classroom.

Daily Meeting Suggestions
- Zoom Checklist - this resource offers a teacher checklist for setting up your Zoom classroom.
- Zoom and Google Meet Expectations - this resource is an example of a classroom contract you can create with your students when either using Zoom or Google Meet as your virtual learning space.
- Zoom Rules for Preschool - this resource is a great visual for Zoom rules for younger students.
- Students can work together on a Padlet to create a classroom contract.
- Google Slide Mood Meter ideas - these images are examples of slides you can have up on your Smartboard or through your screen share to check in with students during your daily meeting.

- If you have older students you may want to have them do a Student Check In using Google Forms.

Preparing Your Learning Community
There was a resource that was shared in one of the work groups today that I wanted to bring your attention to, Classscreen. Classroomscreen is an online tool that allows you to display the instructions for your lesson in a clear and visual way. As the teacher, you can choose from over 12

widgets to support your class activities and help students get to work. This can be used on your Smartboard in your physical space or through screen share in your virtual classroom.

Google Apps for Education has become a tool that most schools use in their physical and virtual classrooms. Preparing yourselves for successful learning experiences can start by knowing how to use all of the different features in Google apps. The following resources are a collective of tutorials and videos on some of the different features within the Google application:
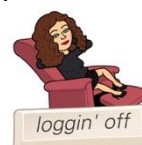
- Teacher Tutorials
- Parent/Student Tutorials

For those of you thinking of ways to make your virtual classroom look more like your physical classroom, Bitmoji virtual classrooms is a cool trend that has been engaging students at all age levels. Within these virtual spaces, Google Slides is used to house accessible links for students to access digital resources and platforms you may be using in your classroom. Here is a tutorial video on how to create a Bitmoji virtual classroom. Below are some examples and images of Bitmoji virtual classrooms:

- Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur Classroom
- Math Classroom

A great first week of school project for your students in the lower and middle school is to have students create their own Bitmoji character which they can use throughout the year.

Wishing you a wonderful evening from me and my Bitmoji!