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PERSONALIZED DIGITAL LEARNING IN HORRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

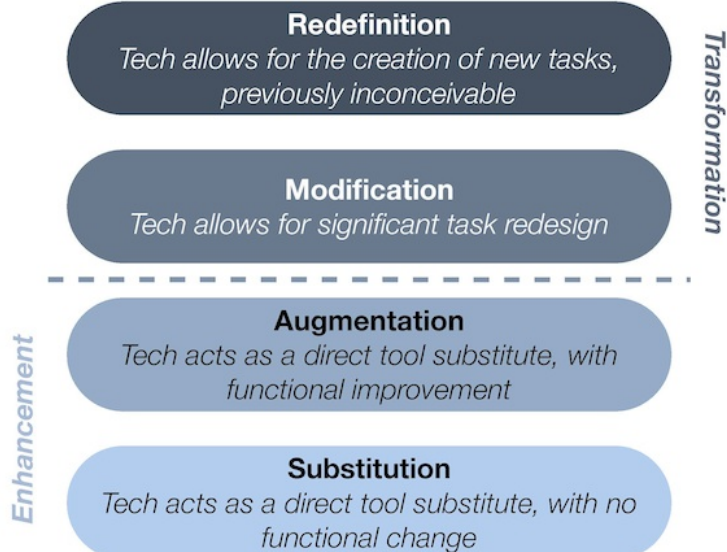
Join the Conversation on Twitter

In honor of Connected Educator Month, Horry County Schools will be participating in a Twitter Chat each Wednesday in the month of October from 8-9 PM. Topics of discussions for this Twitter chat will include personalized learning, what it means to be a connected educator, web 2.0 tools, building your PLN, and others. Join us at the hashtag #hcsddl to participate.

New to Twitter?



Check out this article from Edudemic.



SAMR: Teaching Above the Line

As educators, we rely on educational models for guidance. In implementing technology integration across the curriculum, the SAMR model is an excellent model to consult. With SAMR, Dr. Ruben R. Puentedura defines the different levels of technology integration, and encourages teachers to teach above the line. The lower levels of the model are Substitution and Augmentation, and the higher levels are Modification and Redefinition. The goal is to have students create content and learn with opportunities to apply inquiry and critical thinking skills. For more information about this model and to see an example of a wiki used at each level, visit the following website.

Find out more about SAMR



Three awesome educators to follow on Twitter:



@NMHS_Principal

ERIC SHENINGER: As Digital Principal Award Winner for 2012, Eric is very active in the EdTech community and has spoken at conferences and authored multiple pieces, such as "Communicating and Connecting With Social Media: Essential for Principals."



@coolcatteacher

VICKI DAVIS: She realized the importance of technology on the future of education, so she founded the Cool Cat Teacher blog to provide educators with more resources for helping students succeed.

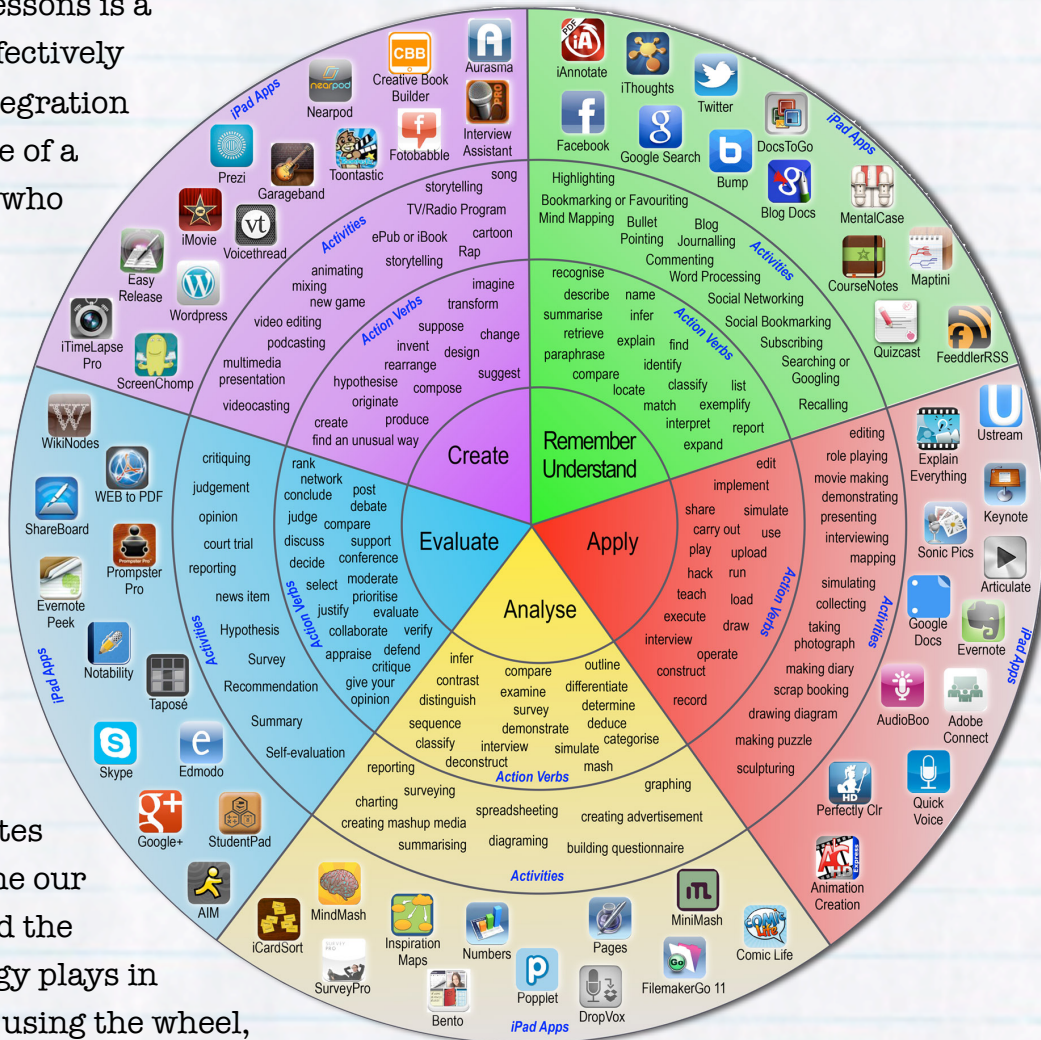


@thenerdyteacher

NICHOLAS PROVENZANO: Nicholas Provenzano is the author of The Nerd Teacher, a blog focused on the trials and tribulations of being a teacher, but also how to be more effective through social media and technological means.

Using the ‘Padagogy Wheel’ to Reinvent the Classroom

Creating innovative lessons is a challenge in itself. Effectively adding technology integration can become even more of a challenge to teachers who are just familiarizing themselves with new apps and web tools. The 'Padagogy Wheel' is a great place to start when creating these lessons. This wheel is a visual representation of apps in relation to Bloom's Taxonomy. The wheel demonstrates how we should redefine our current standards and the current role technology plays in the classroom. When using the wheel, note the importance of adding the creation component, in addition to understanding and analyzing.



Find out more about the 'Pedagogy Wheel'

Connected Educator Month ...

October has been declared to be Connected Educator Month (CEM), aimed at broadening and deepening educator participation in online communities and networks while providing opportunities for educators and education leaders to work together to move the field forward. CEM 2013 will be celebrated with four-plus weeks of online events and activities, including forums, webinars, guided tours, open houses, showcases, launches, exhibits, contests, projects, badges, and more—dozens of major national education organizations, communities, and companies will be participating. Sign up to join and get the latest news and updates!

GET CONNECTED!



* Dozens of organizations will be providing learning and engagement opportunities for educators throughout the month of October.

Sign up to participate, collaborate, and innovate at www.connectededucatormonth.org

Sign up now! Visit connectededucators.org for free, easy access to all things Connected Educator Month.

Who Should Participate

- Educators at all levels
- States and districts
- Organizations that support educators and online social learning
- Those who support educators, at every level

Why Participate

- Access, share, and create knowledge
- Build professional relationships
- Increase collaboration
- Grow as a professional
- Connect with other educators
- Give back to the profession

HCS on iTunes U: QR CODES IN THE CLASSROOM 101



Jennifer Dragotta

3rd Grade Teacher
Conway Elementary

Jennifer Dragotta, a third grade teacher at Conway Elementary school designed an excellent course on HCS on iTunes U. "Using QR Codes in the Classroom 101" shares many ways to use QR codes in the classroom to support and engage students in math, reading, science, and social studies. From Scavenger Hunts to Book Summaries and Math Answers to Integration Ideas, this iTunes U course is a wealth of information that can be put to use instantly.

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