



The Gaggle

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Using Email in the Classroom!

A constant challenge facing teachers is getting students excited about learning. With Gaggle, you can put students on the computer to complete assignments rather than asking them to take out pencil and paper. Here are just a few examples of assignments students can complete using their Gaggle email.

Reading assignments can be emailed to students with the assignment actually being to reply to the email with a short summary. This is a great way to discretely differentiate assignments to students by sending them at the appropriate reading level. Another benefit is the teacher knows it will be legible because it will be in email format! Requiring the response to be in proper letter format will encourage proper email etiquette and reinforce writing skills.

Progressive story writing can be a fun project that goes on over time and gets students working and writing together. The teacher gets a story started and each student adds a few lines to the story.

Have you ever thought about emailing math problems to students? Try sending out a daily or weekly math problem for students to complete and email the answer back for review. Email can also be used to complete data collection when learning

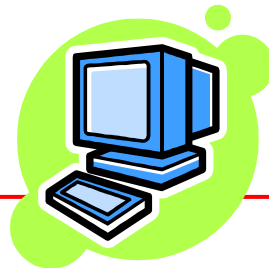
about fractions and percentages.

A great email assignment for Social Studies and History classes is to have students compose an email to their congressman or woman about a political issue that has been discussed in class. Have students email their teacher before sending it on for review and a final grade. The students can then carbon copy their teacher on the email when it is sent to the congressman or woman.

Emailing assignments to students has a number of benefits. There is always a record of the assignment and absent students get the homework right away. Through email, students always have a quick and easy way to communicate questions or concerns to their teacher. In general, the teacher becomes more easily and privately accessible to the students.

Get your students excited about school this year by using Gaggle in your classroom!

Happy Gagging!



Have English Language Learners?

For those students that have English as a second language, or even for your more auditory learners, Gaggle offers the Translation Feature and the Auditory Feedback System. These features are on the read mail and write mail screens, as well as the Message Boards and Blog pages. Messages can be translated or read aloud to students for better comprehension of the message or assignment.

Gaggle Tips

Utilize the **Directory** to create **Address Groups** for specific class periods (example: 1st Period or English I). Once this is done teachers can easily send an email to that particular class. To create an address group, go to the directory, select the students that make up the class, scroll to the bottom of the page, enter the name of the group in the empty box and click on Add 'Checked' To New Address Group. It's that easy. Now the address group will show up in your **Look Up** menu on the write mail screen.

Having issues with **Storage Space**? Emails can easily be deleted from a folder by clicking on **Empty Folder** in the right hand corner of any open folder. This works great if you notice a SPAM folder showing up in your list!

Don't forget, you can always use email to send students notes of encouragement throughout the school year!

Please don't hesitate to contact Gaggle's Customer Service staff if you have any questions!
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