Part 3--Digital Learning Tools for Teachers

Included below is Part Three of our recommendations for digital tools that help teachers (and students) organize their learning materials.

Zoho Documents

https://www.zoho.com/docs/

Zoho Docs gets you started with 5 GB for free to store and retrieve all your files. You can sync files and folders on your desktop and work in them from any device. Zoho gives you online file storage, folder and bulk upload, an email-in feature which lets you email files to your account, a document conversion feature, a PDF viewer, and a full-text search feature. Users who want to more storage and unlimited sharing can sign up for a $5 a month program to have 50GB storage.

Microsoft Word Online

https://onedrive.live.com

Open and edit Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files with anyone, virtually anywhere, in real time – for free with your Microsoft account. You can create, store, and share documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and notebooks online.
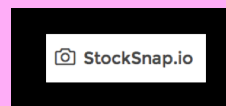
Need Images for your Presentations, Blogs, or Web Sites?

infotopia Image Resources

http://www.infotopia.info/images.html
Explore links to more than 40 recommended sites for images, including a majority of public domain and creative commons sites.

StockSnap.io

https://stocksnap.io/
Stocksnap.io includes an amazing selection of free images under the creative commons license.

Unsplash Free Beautiful Photographs

https://unsplash.com/
10 free high-resolution photos are posted every 10 days and are licensed under creative commons.

New York Public Library DIGITAL GALLERY

http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/
Explore 672,186 items digitized from The New York Public Library's collections. New materials are added every day, and feature prints, photographs, maps, manuscripts, streaming video, and more.

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March Events

- **National Nutrition Month**
  http://www.edutopia.org/blog/nutrition-mont-resources-matt-davis

- **National Music in Our Schools Month**
  http://bit.ly/1PPxnMK

- **Women's History Month**
  http://www.timeforkids.com/minisite/womens-history-month
  http://womenshistorymonth.gov

- **Dr. Seuss' Birthday (Read Across America)—March 2, 2016**
  http://www.nea.org/grants/886.htm

- **International Earth Day—March 20, 2016**
  http://www.infotopia.info/earth_day.html

- **Pi Day—March 14, 2016**
  http://edut.to/1n3tKqo

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TOP 50 Kidtopia

http://www.techlearning.com/blogentry/10086

Thanks to **Tech&Learning** for including **Kidtopia** as one of **Top 50 Sites and Apps of 2015**

Google Translate

Wow! If you haven't tried Google Translate lately, be sure to install it on your smart phone or bookmark it on your computer, and try it! It accesses over 90 different languages including Chinese, Arabic, Icelandic, Spanish, French, and many more! Not only can you see the translation, but you can hear also the pronunciation of the translation. The speakers on the phone appear to be native speakers. It is very helpful for language learners, for communicating with speakers of other languages, and of course, for travel!

blendspace

With Blendspace, you can create lessons with digital content in just a few minutes. You fill in the "boxes" on your lesson with YouTube videos, Google content, Flickr photographs, web page links, and/or your own media or files. You can also insert quizzes in the lesson and Blendspace will keep track of your students' responses. You can share your lessons on Google Classroom, facebook, on the web, or via Twitter.

Another feature of Blendspace is that you can access free (or paid) lessons already created by teachers around the world.

In just a few minutes, I was able to put together a lesson about cells, using resources from Infotopia. However, I also searched for "cells" as a topic and found over 20 completed lessons by other teachers in the gallery at Blendspace.

https://www.tes.com/lessons/dashboard