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FAVE TECH TOOL

Newsela

NewsELA is a way to bring content to students at their individual reading levels. The variety of topics can help integrate non-fiction texts into almost any subject area and encourage student choice of topics.

WORDS TO COACH BY

"Education is all about being excited about something. Seeing passion and enthusiasm helps push an educational message.
-Steve Irwin"

EDUCATION

Specialist: Ed. Leadership
Delta State University
Master: Elementary Education
Delta State University
Bachelor: Elementary Education
Delta State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Education Consultant: Science & ELA
Assistant Principal: Pre-K - 6th Grade
Teacher: 3rd Grade- Math

INTERESTS

Book Worm
True Crime Fanatic

TECH CERTIFIED

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EDUCATION

M.A. Curriculum & Instruction
University of Mississippi

B.S. Biological Science
University of Mississippi

FAVE TECH TOOL

Nearpod

Nearpod is a great tool to keep students engaged during a lesson. The built in assessments and activities help increase student involvement.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

7th Grade- Science
9th Grade- Biology
10th-12th Grade- Genetics

INTERESTS

Reading
Podcasts

WORDS TO COACH BY

Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.

-Anthony J. D'Angelo

TECH CERTIFIED

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FAVE TECH TOOL

Classcraft

Gamification with a fantasy twist changes everything! From SEL to academics, teachers have the freedom to totally customize the adventure.

WORDS TO COACH BY

When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.
-Viktor Frankl

EDUCATION

Doctorate in Admin
U of Southern Miss

M. Ed in Leadership
U of Southern Miss

BA in Deaf Ed
U of Southern Miss

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Developmentally Delayed to 12: **Special Ed**

7th & 8th: **Math**

High School: **Biology**

INTERESTS

Train Travel
American Sign Language

TECH CERTIFIED

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FAVE TECH TOOL

Lumio

This tool can be used to effectively assess students, differentiate, and provide rigorous, relevant, and engaging learning experiences for all students.

WORDS TO COACH BY

Technology will never replace great teachers, but in the hands of a great teacher is transformational.

-George Couros

EDUCATION

Associate
Hinds Community College

Bachelor of Science
Jackson State University

Master of Science
Belhaven University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

4th Grade- ELA

5th Grade- ELA

K-5th Grade- Library

INTERESTS

Shopping
Traveling

TECH CERTIFIED

Gina Pepperman

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FAVE TECH TOOL

Canva.com

Canva is design tool that is free to educators. It allows teachers and students to create, collaboate, and communicate thoughts and ideas in creative ways.

WORDS TO COACH BY

Technology will never replace great teachers but technology in the hands of great teachers is transformational.

EDUCATION

Master of Science: Instructional Technology, University of Southern Ms.

Bachelors of Science: Secondary Education, University of South Al.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

7th-12th -Social Studies

7th-8th-ICT & Cyber Foundations

INTERESTS

Family
Adventure

TECH CERTIFIED

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FAVE TECH TOOL

Quizizz

Quizizz can be used to deliver a live lesson or as a formative assessment tool to engage all learners and provide immediate feedback and remediation using real-time data.

WORDS TO COACH BY

What good is an idea if it remains an idea? Try. Experiment. Iterate. Fail. Try again. Change the world. Simon Sinek

EDUCATION

Education Specialist in Educational Technology
Boise State University

Master of Arts in Teaching
Mississippi State University

Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Sciences
University of South Alabama

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

7th-8th Grade
English Language Arts

INTERESTS

Travel, reading, music, and paddle boarding

TECH CERTIFIED

Alden Johnson

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FAVE TECH TOOL

Wakelet.com

Wakelet is a digital curation tool that allows you to save, organize, and share digital resources. Wakelet's collaborative features makes it a tool with huge educational potential for teachers and students.

WORDS TO COACH BY

Classrooms don't need tech geeks who can teach; classrooms need teach geeks who can tech.
David Geurin

EDUCATION

Master's of Science: Educational Theory and Practice, Arkansas State University

Bachelor's of Science: Library and Information Science, University of Southern Mississippi

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PreK-5th grade: Library Media Specialist

INTERESTS

Family
Travel
Reading

TECH CERTIFIED

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FAVE TECH TOOL

Canva.com

I love Canva because of its fantastic templates and resources. Users of all skill levels can make engaging and eye-catching multimedia publications.

WORDS TO COACH BY

If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow.
-John Dewey

EDUCATION

Ed.S. Instructional Technology
University of West Georgia

M.A. Teaching Languages
University of Southern Miss.

B.S. Secondary Education
Mississippi State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

8th-12th Spanish
I & II

INTERESTS

Travel
Cooking

TECH CERTIFIED

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FAVE TECH TOOL

edpuzzle.com

It is free for all educators and allows teachers and students to create interactive lessons that promote collaboration, engagement, and problem solving skills across the curriculum.

WORDS TO COACH BY

Technology can become the "wings" that allow the educational world to fly farther and faster than ever before...
Jenny Arledge

EDUCATION

Specialist, Administrative Leadership: William Carey University

Masters of Arts, Secondary English Education: William Carey University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

9th-12th grade ELA
3rd grade ELA

INTERESTS

Nature
Animals
Adventure

TECH CERTIFIED

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FAVE TECH TOOL

QUIZIZZ

Quizizz is a tool that helps save time by making the lessons interactive and provides the teacher with immediate feedback.

WORDS TO COACH BY

"When you coach a teacher, you don't just impact his/her students that year-you impact all the students they teach for years to come."

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science
Alcorn State University
Master of Science in Teaching
Jackson State University
Specialist in Ed. Leadership
University of Mississippi

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

9-12 & Higher Ed. Biology
Magnet Resource Coach
Secondary Science PDC

INTERESTS

Shopping
Traveling with my sisters

TECH CERTIFIED

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FAVE TECH TOOL

Quizizz

Quizizz is a way to gamify questions and answers while adding outside sources to lessons and test prep.

WORDS TO COACH BY

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

EDUCATION

BS in Biology
Jackson State University
MA in Teaching
Jackson State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

7th and 8th-Science
6th-8th-ELA Prep
8th-Math Prep

INTERESTS

Reading
Traveling

TECH CERTIFIED

Morgan Jones

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FAVE TECH TOOL

IMMERSIVE READER

Immersive Reader offers teachers the opportunity to enhance reading skills, improve access to content & curriculum, and increase communication for all learners.

WORDS TO COACH BY

"Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.
Socrates"

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Social Work
University of Mississippi
Master in Special Education
Delta State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

9-12th Grade-Special Education
K-6th Grade-Special Education

INTERESTS

Traveling
Pageants

TECH CERTIFIED

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FAVE TECH TOOL

CANVA

Canva is easy to differentiate learning paths, even in the physical classroom.

There are tons of pre-created lesson templates in a variety of grade levels.

WORDS TO COACH BY

"Technology will never replace great teachers; it's transformational.
George Couros

EDUCATION

Master of Science
Jackson State University
Bachelor of Science
University of Southern Mississippi
Associate of Science
Northwest Community College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

District Instructional Technologist
7th grade-Cyber Foundations

INTERESTS

Arts & Crafts
Digital Illustration

TECH CERTIFIED

Lakyn Kirk

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FAVE TECH TOOL

Canva

Canva.com

Canva is a graphic design platform that is free for all educators and allows teachers and students to create and collaborate in real-time.

WORDS TO COACH BY

Everyone needs a coach.
-Bill Gates

EDUCATION

Master's of Education: English Education, Liberty University

Bachelors of Art: Education, University of Mississippi

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Grades 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 12, & Higher Education ELA

INTERESTS

Family
Baking

TECH CERTIFIED

Harley Gonzales

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FAVE TECH TOOL

Canva.com

Canva allows teachers to create engaging lessons, slideshows, graphics, etc. to make learning interactive. Students can even create their own presentations.

WORDS TO COACH BY

High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation.
-Charles Kettering

EDUCATION

Ed.S. Educational Leadership:
William Carey University
NISL Graduate 2022
M.Ed. Curriculum & Instruction:
University of Mississippi
B.S. Elementary Education:
Blue Mountain College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

5th grade English Language Arts
6th grade English Language Arts
Reading & Writing Interventionist
5th grade Science
Virtual Teaching

INTERESTS

Fitness | Exercise
Event Planning
Outdoor Activities

TECH CERTIFIED

Jessica McAndrews

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FAVE TECH TOOL

Nearpod

Nearpod is a digital resource that allows you to present material using slides while including interactive and engagement pieces to keep your students interest.

WORDS TO COACH BY

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.
- B.B. King

EDUCATION

B.S. in Education
Mississippi State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

7th/8th Grade-Writing
4th, 5th, 6th-Reading
2nd/3rd-All

INTERESTS

Reading
Travel

TECH CERTIFIED

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FAVE TECH TOOL

edpuzzle

edpuzzle.com

Edpuzzle allows educators to make videos interactive and more meaningful. It's a great tool for allowing students to engage in activities that require critical thinking skills.

WORDS TO COACH BY

The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice.
~ Brian Herbert

EDUCATION

Masters of Library & Information Science: University of Southern Mississippi

Bachelor of Science: Mathematics Mississippi University for Women

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

9th - 12th: Mathematics
10th - 12th: Engineering

INTERESTS

Camping and Hiking
Crafting

TECH CERTIFIED

Jasmine Bell
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FAVE TECH TOOL

SCREENCASTIFY

I can create quick videos of my screen showing teachers how to do something. And the videos are easily stored on Google Drive.

WORDS TO COACH BY

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.

Benjamin Franklin

EDUCATION

Bachelor in Psychology
University of MS
Master in Curriculum & Instruction
University of MS
Specialist in Education Leadership
University of MS

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

8th grade-History
7th & 8th grade-ELA
ELA Instructional Coaching
6-12 ELA Professional Development.

INTERESTS

Calligraphy & Hand lettering

TECH CERTIFIED

Lindsey Dickerson

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FAVE TECH TOOL

BOOK CREATOR

Book Creator can be used in a variety of classrooms. This tool allows students' creativity to come alive.

WORDS TO COACH BY

"When teachers stop learning, so do students.

Jim Knight

EDUCATION

Bachelor in Elementary Education
Mississippi State University

Master in Curriculum and Instruction
Mississippi College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

3rd Grade-All Subjects
4th Grade-Math

INTERESTS

Crafting
Cooking

TECH CERTIFIED

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FAVE TECH TOOL

genially

Genially is a one-stop online tool for making presentations, interactive photos, infographics, dossiers, quizzes, training materials, resumes, and other types of content.

WORDS TO COACH BY

Good.

-Jocko Willink

EDUCATION

Master's Degree
Educational Technology
Belhaven University
Bachelor's Degree
Education (History)
Mississippi State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

8th/9th Grade
Computer Science
Engineering

INTERESTS

Baseball
Hunting

TECH CERTIFIED

Sam James
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FAVE TECH TOOL

FORMATIVE

I love the accessibility and ease of putting together lessons, creating assessments, and providing feedback for students and teachers alike!

WORDS TO COACH BY

"Compare yourself to who you were yesterday, not to who someone else is today."

Jordan Peterson

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Mathematics
Mississippi State University

Master of Arts Teaching Secondary
Mississippi State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

9-12 grade-Geometry
10th & 11th Grade-ACT Prep
11th & 12th grade-College Algebra

INTERESTS
Artificial Intelligence & College Football

TECH CERTIFIED

Danielle Little
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FAVE TECH TOOL

Canva

Having used Canva for many years, it is a fun tool for students to visually "show what they know" about a concept.

WORDS TO COACH BY

Do the best you can until you <u>know better</u>.
Then, when you know better, <u>do better</u>.
-Dr. Maya Angelou

EDUCATION

Bachelor in Elem. Education
University of Mississippi

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Career Discovery,
Cyber Foundations,
5-7 Mathematics,
6-7 Science, History, and ELA

INTERESTS

Gardening &
Cooking with
New Recipes

TECH CERTIFIED

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FAVE TECH TOOL

Canva

Canva is an online design and visual communication platform with a mission to empower everyone in the world to design anything and publish anywhere.

WORDS TO COACH BY

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."
-Helen Keller

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts
University of Southern Mississippi

Associate's of Social Science
Holmes Community College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

K-5 - Library Media Specialist

INTERESTS
Mini vacations
Flower gardening

TECH CERTIFIED

Deanna Knowles

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FAVE TECH TOOL

Scribe

Scribe is a Chrome extension that creates a quick PDF list of instructions for any website. Turn any process into a step-by-step guide, instantly.

WORDS TO COACH BY

Teaching is more than imparting knowledge; it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts; it is acquiring understanding.
-William Arthur Ward

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts
University of Southern Mississippi
Associate of Arts
Pearl River Community College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Middle School- English
High School- English
High School- Theatre
High School- Oral Communications

INTERESTS

Painting
Reading

TECH CERTIFIED

Valerie Mckenzie
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FAVE TECH TOOL

Google Classroom

Google Classroom is free, user - friendly, cloud based, and for everyone! It streamlines the sharing of classroom assignments and documents so you can go paperless.
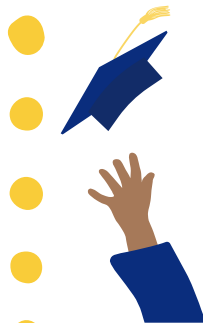
WORDS TO COACH BY

"Tell me, and I forget. Teach me, and I remember. Involve me, and I learn. -Benjamin Franklin"

EDUCATION

Master of Science: Curriculum and Instruction: Technology
Grand Canyon University
Bachelor of Science: Elementary Education
University of Southern Mississippi

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

5th-ELA
7th-ICT1
1st-3rd-Self-contained

INTERESTS

Books
Puzzles

TECH CERTIFIED

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FAVE TECH TOOL

Kahoot

Kahoot is a game-based learning platform that allows teachers to engage their students using games and trivia!

WORDS TO COACH BY

" Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.
-Aristotle "

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts
University of Southern Mississippi

Master of Education
William Carey University

Doctor of Education
Baylor University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- K-2 All subjects
- TEFL-West Java Indonesia
- PLC Chair for K-2 Teachers

INTERESTS

Learning Languages
Traveling the world
Cooking ALL the foods!

Link to Wakelet Certifications

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FAVE TECH TOOL

GOOGLE FORMS

My favorite educational tech app is Google Forms. This app allows you to create innovative instructional resources.

WORDS TO COACH BY

Education is one thing no one can take away from you.
-Elin Nordegren

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science
Jackson State University
Master of Science
Alcorn State University
Educational Specialist
Alcorn State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

7th & 8th Grade-Mathematics
10th-12th Grade-Biology, Physical Science, Algebra I & II, Advanced Math Plus, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Transition to Algebra

INTERESTS
Shopping
Traveling

TECH CERTIFIED