



Educators' Technology Clinics

Student Project Profile

Course: LTMS 600 Web 2.0 in the Classroom

Project Name: Collaborative Presentation and Back Channel Chat

Project Audience: Middle School Spanish

Derry Township School District

Project Description: The class created a collaborative presentation using Google Presentations. The slides were then discussed in Spanish through a back channel chat using Cover It Live. Points were assigned for correct sentences or grammatical edits to other's sentences while the students were describing the slides in the back channel chat. The activity provided practice with the current grammar and vocabulary concept; comparisons and sports.

Audience Response: The students were excited to compete against each other. All the classes were engaged for the entire class period - which means the lesson was a huge success. On multiple occasions the 8th graders have asked if we are going to have another back channel chat.

Improved Learning Outcomes: This was a formative assessment. I was able to pause the back channel chat to address misconceptions and repetitive mistakes. I was providing the students with feedback in real time.

What I Learned: Success with technology requires lots of planning and problem solving. Even between the first group and the second group, I made multiple changes to make the activity more efficient. Success also requires taking the time to establish the goals for the students. Part of this includes explaining the technology to the students; they need to be comfortable and confident with the technology being used for the activity to be an accurate reflection of learning.