

Tips and tricks you may find useful, fun, and engaging for you and your students.

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Do you find yourself sending the same email over and over again? Maybe it's to parents? Maybe it's to your students? Wouldn't it be great if you could just set up a "canned response" in Gmail so all you have to do is type in the recipients' email address and then hit "Send"? Well now you can by creating "Templates" in Gmail. Follow the instructions on the tutorial linked at the right (click on the image) and you'll never have to type the same thing over and over or even copy/paste!



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### What is a screencast?

A **screencast** is a digital recording of computer screen output, also known as a video screen capture or a screen recording, often containing audio narration.

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The Best Screencasting Tools for Classrooms

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## WANT TO SEE AN EXAMPLE? CLICK

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Interested in creating your own screencast videos? Take a look at this article (click the image above) from Common Sense Media where they review several of the most popular options used by teachers and give you some advice and ratings!





## Study Corner

Remember, we can always get better and we always have more to learn. Here are a couple of places you can go to expand your knowledge should you so choose. I hope you take advantage of them, they're free, and for once you're going to get more than you pay for!

The 10 Minute Teacher Podcast - The 10 Minute Teacher is a bi-weekly podcast that will help you become a more remarkable teacher who inspires children to learn and grow. The 10 Minute Teacher is your ten minute PD breakaway!\*

Research-Tested Benefits of Breaks - Ever thought of using short brain breaks in class? Think you don't have the time? Think again! This Edutopia article explains the benefits of using short brain breaks with students of all ages and gives some advice for incorporating them into your classroom!

Start with Why - This is an older Ted Talk, but one of my absolute favorites. Simon Sinek explains why it's so important to know and start with your why! Think outside of the box on this one and reflect on how you can use this concept in your teaching!

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\*taken from https://www.coolcatteacher.com/podcast/

SOME DAYS WHEN I TEACH
I AMAZE MYSELF.
OTHER DAYS I
WALK AROUND
MY CLASSROOM
LOOKING FOR
THE SMART BOARD REMOTE
AS I'M HOLDING IT.



"I've been a teacher so long one of my eyebrows is permanently raised."



### **ANATOMY OF A TEACHER**





I've never run a marathon, but I have repeated the directions 26.2 times in a single class.





### **SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**

If you see something you would like to share in Time 4 Tech! Please send it to either Michele or Chris. We'd love to grow a Technology PLC here in Halifax!



