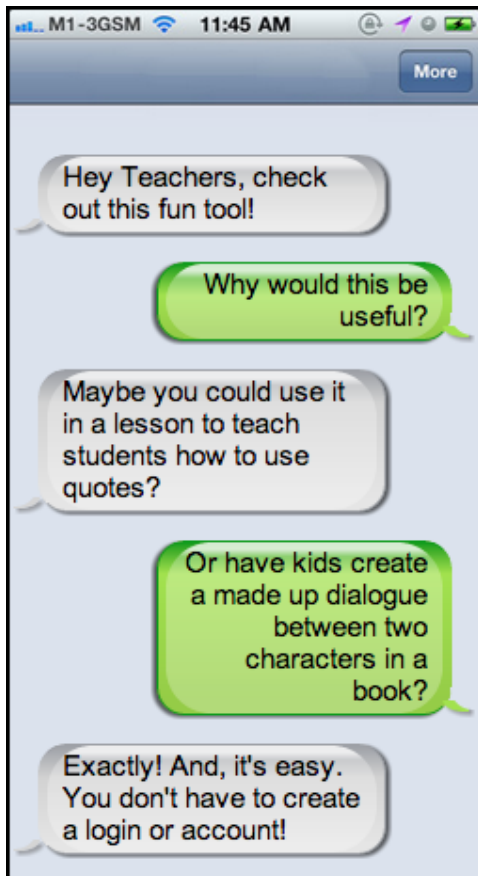


## Tech News- April 2013



Use <http://www.classtools.net/SMS/> to do the above activity.

## Cool Tech Integration by Our Colleagues

– Amy McFarlane's 4th grade students created websites via their google accounts that showcase the lives of some important historical figures. Some students even created quizzes for their peers using a google form. They are awesome! Check them out [here](#).

– Peg Donnelly's 1st graders used a free online tool called Vocaroo (no login required) to record a reader's theater play for St. Patrick's Day. She then shared them on her website for parents. [Example](#).

Audioboo is taking off! It's an app that allows you to record your voice, take a picture and then upload them online without having to sign in. Here are 2 ways it's been used lately:

- Eileen Miller and Kim Briggs' 3rd graders used it to record their students pitching their business ideas. [Example](#).
- Kim Bruzek had her Kindergartners recorded their voices reading the animal books they authored. She played them for parents at the conferences.

- Amy Driscoll has been using the AudioMemo app to record a 1st grade student who uses Read Naturally. The student is recorded during their first attempt reading a passage. Then she and the student listen to the recording to pinpoint things that could be done to make it sound better next time.
- Aimee Conrad had her students make simple Keynote presentations on the iPads. She liked the iPad version of Keynote better than the desktop version b/c there were less bells and whistles which made the students focus more on the content. To share their projects, each student put their iPad on their desk and then they strolled around the room to check out what their peers had created on their own. Unfortunately the iPads were synched before we saved them to Aimee's Google Drive account so we don't have an example to share.
- Kudos to the 3rd Grade teachers at Willard who used the Senteos to do a practice science test. The kids were so excited to use the clickers!



A GREAT Smartboard Resource Site!

[Top Marks](#) site has smartboard-friendly lessons in all subjects. You don't even have to download the notebook files! I think this is most beneficial for K-2 grades and SPED.



## Save Fred!

This is a game to help your students learn about how their body works. It's from the Museum of Science and Industry and it is addictive! It took me about 20 minutes to figure out how to save him (some parts are kind of tricky but I know the kids will persevere and figure it out). Students learn what their kidneys do, how blood coagulates, and how our bodies fight pathogens, among other things. This all takes place while helping save Fred from a coyote. **In order to ensure learning takes place I would have the students summarize how the different body parts and mechanisms worked to save Fred at each level of the game.** It would be a good intro tool to build science vocabulary

such as proteins, neurons etc. Probably most appropriate for 3rd and 4th graders. If you want me to host your class in the lab to play this educational game let me know.

## Blooms Taxonomy of Apps

Thanks to Jerri for sending this link to [Bloom's Taxonomy of Apps](#). It shows different apps that correlate to each level of Bloom's Taxonomy.



Class badges is like an online version of girl scout or boy scout badges. Remember how bad you wanted those as a kid?! You create badges that you can award to your students. Here is the synopsis from their site: "ClassBadges is a free online tool where teachers can award badges to students for accomplishments or academic mastery. Through your teacher account, you can award badges customized for your classroom or school. Badges can easily be aligned to academic goals or associated with existing school awards." Watch an intro video [here](#).



## Turtle Diary for Pre-K through 2nd Grade

This is an explanation of [Turtle Diary](#) from their website: TurtleDiary is a technology-based online educational program that offers a depth and breadth of educational content for early learners, with more than 1,000 individual learning activities and over 200 lesson plans. Every child learns in different ways, so the program includes multiple types of activities:

- Interactive read-aloud Children's Books

- Educational Games covering all subjects
- Fun Puzzles & Jigsaw
- Art and Craft Activities
- Printables & Worksheets



## Free online books from We Give Books!

Check these books out and show them on your Smartboard or student laptops (they do NOT work on the iPads).

[Rat & Roach Rock On](#)

[Robomop](#)

[Henry's Amazing Imagination](#)

[Otis](#)

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