

## D90 TECH NEWS- January 2014



### LET ME BE YOUR SUB WHILE YOU WATCH A PEER USE TECHNOLOGY?

It seems like the easiest way to get inspired by technology is to sit in on another teacher's room and watch them pull off a cool tech-enhanced lesson. Maybe your co-worker is utilizing technology during center time and you want to see how she/he does it before doing it yourself?

I'd happily be your sub for 40 minutes or so

while you watch your co-worker work their magic. You don't even need to write sub plans! Email me if interested.

### ICE CONFERENCE IS FEB 25-28



[Here](#) is the half-day and full-day list of workshops. I don't think the Thurs/Fri 45-minute workshops are published yet.

I've found that I like those the best because if you end up in a bad/useless workshop you can leave and find a better one that meets your interests. Remember to fill out a [conference request](#) and submit it to Merryl if you'd like to go. Let's carpool if you want to attend a Thursday or Friday session.

### VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

[Freetech4teachers](#) publicized [this virtual field trip](#).

Students interviewed a worker at the Seattle Aquarium while she was under water (in a scuba suit) via Google Hangouts. If there is a professional you would like your class to interview let me know.

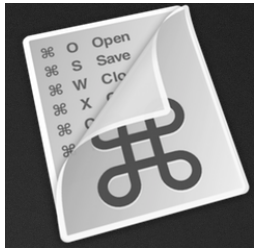


### 4 NEW LAB IPADS

We have have been given an additional 4 ipads that can be checked out from the computer lab, FYI! They can only be checked out online, not on paper. There is now a total of 10 ipads in the lab.

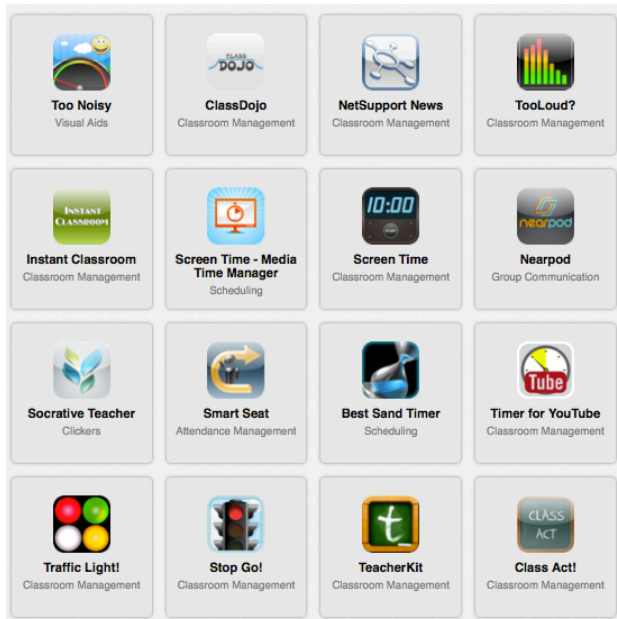
Note: Two iPads are the very first version (they have different covers) and do not have cameras. They also may not have all the apps. Double check before relying on them for a lesson.





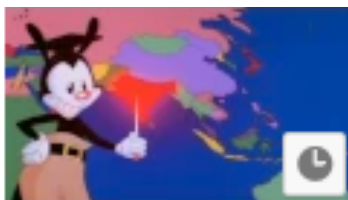
## INSTALL CHEATSHEET & BE REMINDED OF KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS!

All you have to do is hold down the ⌘ for a few seconds! (Only works on OS 10.7 and higher.) From [FreeTech4Teachers.com](http://FreeTech4Teachers.com): “[CheatSheet](#) is a free Mac app that allows you to quickly find all of the keyboard shortcuts for the applications that you use on your Mac. I'm installing it for those times when I can't remember if the shortcut I want to use requires the command key, the control key, or both....”



## CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT APPS

Kacie emailed everyone about some helpful classroom management apps like Class Dojo. If anyone would like assistance using one of these apps, please call your tech person for a tutorial, etc!



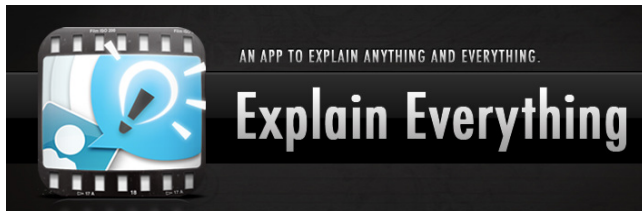
## ANIMANIACS VIDEO FOR LEARNING THE STATE CAPITOLS

An oldie but a goodie! Click [here](#).



### CODE PLAY LEARN

This may be something to include in your next class newsletter: A new organization in Oak Park is offering a coding session to students who have February 14th off for an Institute Day. They also have a digital summer camp. <http://www.codeplaylearn.com/>



### EXPLAIN EVERYTHING

The Explain Everything App has a whiteboard-like screen that allows users to record audio, video, write and move objects all while recording in real time. Cost is \$3.00. It may be useful for teachers who want more control in recording their lesson than is possible on

our free Show Me app. For example, once you write text in the Show Me app you can't move it. With Explain Everything you can.