

Successes and Struggles of Virtual Teaching

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About Me!



- Full time Chinese teacher in Fitzgerald Public Schools
- Levels 1 & 2 offered at Chatterton Middle School and Fitzgerald High School
- FHS currently virtual only, CMS hybrid
- 13th year teaching in public education

The Virtual Classroom

- The 2020 “Curveball”
- Spring vs. fall
- Teaching models
 - Virtual
 - Face to face
 - Hybrid



The Struggles

- Classroom participation
- Hearing your students speak the target language
- Getting to the core content



Classroom Participation

- Chat
 - Survey questions
 - Vocabulary reviews
- Breakout Rooms
 - Dialogue practices
 - Grammar reviews/Translations
- Padlet: <https://padlet.com/katvan/cesvhia9bv8mv05x>
- Jamboard: <https://digital.bu.edu/5-reasons-to-use-google-jamboard/>
 - [Try It Out](#)

Hearing the Target Language

- Google Voice
 - Texts
 - Voicemails
- FlipGrid
 - Videos
 - Edits
 - Can cover their faces
- Screencastify
 - Also records their screen



Getting to the Core Content



- It's not the same as face to face/in person instruction
- We are not going to be able to have the same connections we have if we were in a brick-and-mortar building
- Also, our content is going to not always work 100% of the time and tough choices are going to have to be made when it comes to making cuts

The Successes



- The amount of free stuff available
- The community of teachers
- The versatility of students

Free Stuff!

- Padlet
- Flipgrid
- Google Voice
- Screencastify
- Teachermade
- NEWSela
- Discovery Ed
- Pear Deck
- Google Forms
- EDPuzzle
- And so many more...

Community of Teachers

- Teacher conferences
- Professional development
- YouTube
- Co-workers
- Online groups

Our Students



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Guiding Questions

- What have you found to be successful for you in the virtual classroom?
- What struggles have you encountered that have hindered your ability to teach?
- What online tools do you want more information on?