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Classroom Blog

Allow students to update the blog daily about what has happened during the school day. Make it a Classroom Helper job that rotates each week or each day. Students can end the day by discussing the day's highlights and deciding which parts of the day will be included in the blog post.



Chat With An Astronaut, Author, Etc.

Are you studying space or a particular book? If so, check out opportunities to chat live with an astronaut or author. NASA's astronauts frequently use Twitter as a way to connect with classrooms and the general public. Many authors are also willing to have a live video call or chat with schools by request.



Twitter Polls

Create a Twitter account for your classroom and use it to gather information for polls and surveys. Want to see what the most popular flavor of ice cream is? Ask the question on Twitter and analyze the results as they come in.

Tip: Follow other educators and collaborate with them on classroom projects.



Make A Video

Are your students passionate about a cause? Did they create a song to teach the times table? If so, record their efforts and post it to video sites such as YouTube or TeacherTube. Make sure that the videos are done in such a way that your students' identities are kept safe by using props, pictures or other images. Promote their efforts on Twitter and your classroom's blog.



Cultural Exchanges

Team up with an educator in another part of the world to facilitate a Skype call or Twitter chat. Students can prepare questions ahead of time on things that they would like to know. It is a great opportunity to learn about another culture and bring the world into your classroom.



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