



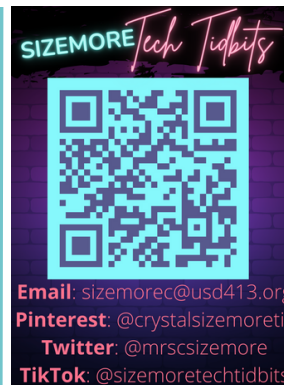
TECH TIDBITS



WHERE I GO TO LEARN NEW TIPS & TRICKS

When I am looking for an answer to a tech question, or trying to come up with more ideas to share - where do I go? Here is my breakdown.

- **integratED Teacher** - general ed tech tips, collect lots of free resources and shares them.
 - Website: <https://www.integratedteacher.com/>
 - YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@integratedteacher>
- **RonnieLovesTech** - Ronnie is the Technology Integration Specialist at Greenbush. He has a complete EDTech Academy of resources, more info on that coming in a future email!
 - YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@ronnielovestech>
- **ShakeUpLearning** - Google Education EVERYTHING expert. You can buy her books, but I just signed up for her newsletters and subscribed to her YouTube Channel. She offers actual courses you can take if that is more your style!
 - Website: <https://shakeuplearning.com/>
 - YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@ShakeUpLearning>
- **Flipped Classroom Tutorials** - Tips and tutorials that make new ways of doing things easier!
 - Website: <https://sethideclercq.com/>
 - YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@FlippedClassroomTutorials>
- **Pocketful of Primary** - She supports new and veteran teachers with integrating technology, optimizing their organization, and increasing their productivity!
 - Website: <https://www.pocketfulofprimary.com/>
 - YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@PocketfulofPrimary>



TOPIC IDEAS?

Submit them to me!
Let me know what YOU need!

CHROME TIPS & TRICKS

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- 1 SAVE WEBPAGES AS PDFS**
Open any web page, press Ctrl+P on Windows (or Cmd+P on your Mac) and choose "Save as PDF" from the list of available printers.
- 2 MAKE FAVICONS YOUR BOOKMARKS**
Right click on a bookmark in your bookmarks bar and delete the text in the name box, leaving only the favicon.
- 3 PIN TABS**
Minimize a tab to display only the icon. To pin a tab, right click on the tab, and select "Pin tab." This is helpful when you have a lot of tabs open.
- 4 OPEN RECENT TABS**
Open any recent tab that has been closed by right clicking on the title bar and selecting "Reopen closed tab."
- 5 GO INTO INCOGNITO MODE**
Browse privately in Chrome by clicking on "Settings" and selecting "New incognito Window". Your history will not be saved.
- 6 NAVIGATE BETWEEN TABS QUICKLY**
Navigate quickly between tabs by pressing Ctrl+1 to go to 1st Tab, Ctrl-2 to go to 2nd Tab, and so on. Go to the last Tab by pressing Ctrl-9.
- 7 OPEN MULTIPLE PAGES ON START UP**
Set your start up pages by going to "Settings," scrolling to "Settings," and selecting "Set pages" under the On Startup section. Next enter the URL's.
- 8 SOLVE MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS AND MORE**
Solve mathematical calculations and more from the omnibox (address bar). Try typing 60 x 90 without pressing enter and see what appears.
- 9 PLAY MEDIA FILES IN GOOGLE CHROME**
Play a wide variety of movie and music files by simply dragging your file into the search bar and enjoy listening or watching it play.
- 10 BOOKMARK ALL TABS**
Bookmark all of your open tabs at once by right clicking on one of the tabs and scrolling to "Bookmark all tabs."

SUMMER TECH TIPS FOR TEACHERS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE STYLE

ChatGPT

- 1. Explore Educational Apps:** Take some time during the summer to discover and familiarize yourself with educational apps that can enhance your teaching. Look for apps that align with your subject area and grade level, and experiment with interactive and engaging apps that can make learning fun for your students.
- 2. Refresh Your Digital Skills:** Use the summer break to brush up on your digital skills. Take online courses or tutorials to learn new software, tools, or platforms that can support your teaching. This could include learning how to effectively use learning management systems (LMS), video editing software, or interactive whiteboards.
- 3. Organize and Backup Digital Resources:** Review your digital resources, lesson plans, and teaching materials. Organize them into folders on your computer and consider using cloud storage solutions like Google Drive or Dropbox to back them up. This will make it easier for you to access your materials from anywhere and ensure they are safe in case of computer malfunctions or loss.
- 4. Update Your Professional Website:** If you have a professional website or blog, take some time to update it with new content, resources, or reflections from the previous year. Consider adding a section for parents or students to access important information and resources.
- 5. Engage in Online Professional Development:** Many organizations and educational platforms offer online professional development courses and webinars during the summer. Take advantage of these opportunities to expand your knowledge, learn new teaching strategies, and connect with other educators.
- 6. Plan for Blended Learning:** With the increasing popularity of blended learning approaches, use the summer break to plan how you can integrate technology into your classroom. Explore online resources, virtual field trips, and digital collaboration tools that can supplement in-person instruction.
- 7. Test New Classroom Technology:** If your school has invested in new classroom technology, such as interactive displays, virtual reality headsets, or coding kits, spend some time experimenting with them over the summer. Familiarize yourself with their features and think about how you can incorporate them into your lessons.
- 8. Create Video Tutorials:** Consider creating video tutorials or screencasts during the summer to introduce your students to digital tools or explain complex concepts. These videos can be shared with your students throughout the year and serve as valuable resources for independent learning.
- 9. Establish Digital Citizenship Guidelines:** Develop guidelines for responsible and ethical technology use in your classroom. These guidelines can cover topics like online etiquette, internet safety, and respecting intellectual property. Prepare materials or activities to teach these guidelines to your students at the start of the school year.
- 10. Relax and Recharge:** While it's important to enhance your tech skills, don't forget to take time for yourself during the summer break. Use the time to relax, recharge, and engage in activities that bring you joy, so you can return to the classroom refreshed and energized.

Remember, technology should always serve as a tool to enhance teaching and learning. Focus on integrating technology in ways that align with your teaching style and educational goals.

In true 2023 style, I decided to ask Chat GPT & Google Bard what the best summer tech tips were for teachers - and to be honest - they are pretty good!



- **Take some time to learn new technology.** There are always new and exciting technologies being developed, and it's important for teachers to stay up-to-date on the latest trends. There are many ways to learn new technology, such as taking online courses, reading blogs and articles, or attending conferences.
- **Explore new ways to use technology in your classroom.** Once you've learned about new technology, it's time to start thinking about how you can use it in your classroom. There are endless possibilities, so be creative and experiment until you find what works best for you and your students.
- **Collaborate with other teachers.** One of the best ways to learn about new technology and how to use it in your classroom is to collaborate with other teachers. There are many online and offline communities where teachers can share ideas and resources.
- **Don't be afraid to make mistakes.** Everyone makes mistakes when they're learning something new. The important thing is to not let mistakes discourage you. Instead, learn from your mistakes and keep moving forward.
- **Update your lesson plans.** Take some time to review your lesson plans and see how you can incorporate technology. There are many new apps and websites that can be used to enhance learning, so take some time to explore your options.
- **Create a digital portfolio.** A digital portfolio is a great way to showcase your work and share your ideas with others. You can use a variety of tools to create a digital portfolio, such as Google Sites, WordPress, or Weebly.
- **Attend a tech conference.** There are many tech conferences that are specifically designed for teachers. These conferences are a great way to learn about new technology, network with other teachers, and get inspired.
- **Read educational blogs and articles.** There are many educational blogs and articles that are written by teachers, for teachers. These blogs and articles can be a great source of information about new technology, teaching strategies, and best practices.

Summer is a great time for teachers to learn about new technology and how to use it in their classrooms. By following these tips, you can make the most of your summer and come back to school ready to use technology to enhance your students' learning.