TECH TIMES

Monthly email newsletter to share tech tips for the classroom

This month's featured tool:
Jamboard

Whole Class

Group Collaboration

Checks for Understanding

ENGAGEMENT

JAMBOARD is a collaborative, digital whiteboard. Similar to Google Slides, Jamboard can be used in multiple ways to promote student engagement. It can be used to brainstorm or gather ideas in a whole class setting, as a collaboration tool with small groups, or a formative assessment tool to check for understanding. Select a link to see examples of how Jamboard can be used in a classroom.
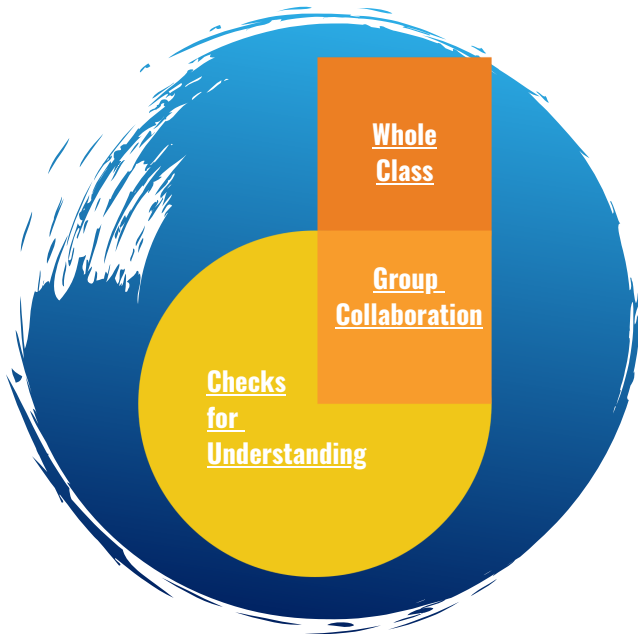
INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

Jamboard provides the tools to easily incorporate a **GALLERY "WALK"** in a virtual or blended classroom. Groups can each work on a separate slide to share content about a particular topic. At the end of the allotted time, groups then rotate through other groups' slides and use the sticky notes in Jamboard to ask clarifying questions or provide specific feedback related to the content. The gallery walk is then followed by a whole class discussion where the group gets a chance to answer questions or respond to the feedback.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Jamboard can be used as a formative assessment tool throughout a class period. A teacher can assign each group a slide to work on and monitor progress to inform the teacher's questioning path, as to whether the teacher needs to ask clarifying or extending questions. Jamboard also provides the teacher with a quick tool to do checks for understanding (see examples on the previous page), especially with students who are virtual.

SUCCESSES

"I love using Jamboard because it helps me bring in the thinking of my virtual students. We don't require students to have their cameras on. Before Jamboard, I didn't get much participation from students at home. Now I can see if they are really with us during the lesson. Some students like using the Jamboard app on their phone because they can write easier."
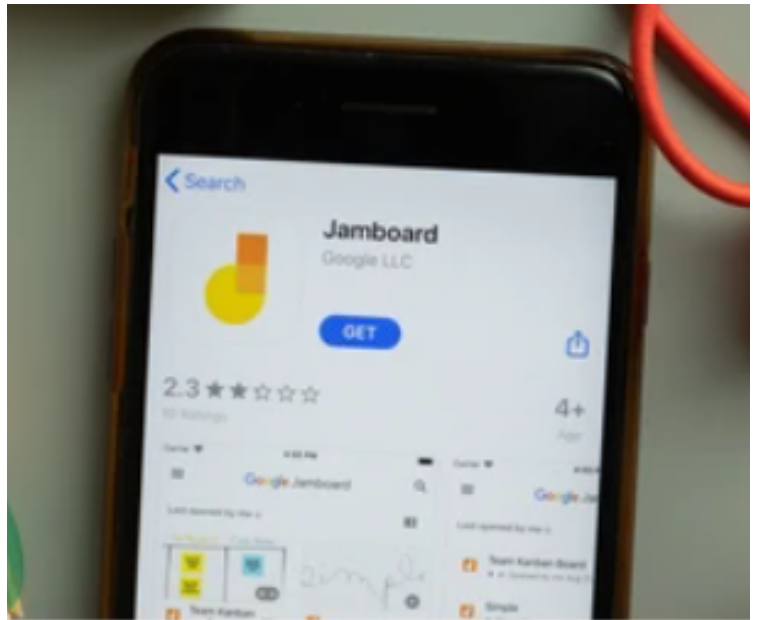
RESOURCES

Check out these videos and sites to help support your future implementation of Jamboard:

- How to Use Google Jamboard - Beginner's Tutorial
- Make a Gameboard with Jamboard
- Jamboard Templates
- DPI provided link: Jamboard