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Encouraging Ongoing Engagement

One morning earlier this week, my son was surprised to look out the front window to see his grade 3 teacher leaving something on the doorstep. He rushed to open the door and was able to have a quick, physically-distant visit with her. He came back inside with the postcard she had dropped off and a giant grin on his face. It's amazing how this one small interaction impacted his enthusiasm and energy for the rest of the day. The postcard, which had a hand-written note saying how much she missed him and was proud of him for all the learning he was doing at home, was proudly hung on the fridge.

The novelty of distance learning has probably long-worn off (was there ever any??), and it is becoming an even greater challenge to keep our students engaged in their learning. I know it isn't possible to visit all of our students, but this little story speaks to how important the relationship piece is in all of this. My son can see posts in Google Classroom, watch recordings of lessons and submit his work, but being able to see and hear his teacher made all of the difference. If you are finding it difficult to reach your students and they aren't engaging the way they once were, perhaps it's the right time to go back to what is most important? Reach out and let them know that you are thinking about them, that you miss them and are proud of them. It may not be the magical solution that gets them back in class and submitting all of their high-quality work, but it may just be that they will look back on this time in their life and remember that their teacher still showed they cared about them, even when they couldn't see each other every day.

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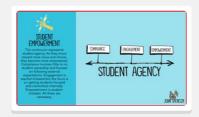














Schlecty Levels of Engagement

Student engagement, as described by Phillip Schlecty, is the level and attention and commitment students have in a lesson. He says:

"Students who are engaged exhibit three characteristics:

- 1. They are attracted to their work
- 2. They persist in their work despite challenges and obstacles, and
- 3. They take visible delight in accomplishing their work."

How Do We Know When Students Are Engaged?

Strengthening Student
Engagement: What Do
Students Want - Educational
Leadership

"The more opportunities students have to communicate and collaborate with their peers online, the more likely they are to stay engaged in the learning online"

- Catlin Tucker

Making the Shift to Student Empowerment

Student empowerment places students at the center of the learning process. They have opportunities to take on leadership roles, to selfassess, reflect and set goals, to apply their learning in meaningful ways, and to share their work with peers and other authentic audiences. This approach to teaching builds students' intrinsic motivation and confidence by allowing them to make meaningful decisions about their learning.

Watch this: Making the Shift from Student Engagement to Empowerment

"Do I want to engage my students for the next hour or empower them for a lifetime?" - John Spencer

Leemings 10
Commandments of Remote
Pandemic Learning here.

"Engagement" is more about what you can do for your students.

"Empowerment" is about helping students to figure out what they can do for themselves. -George Couros

Important considerations when thinking about student engagement and empowerment:

- Give students voice and choice
- Have students own the process
- Empower students to ask questions
- Empower students by being involved in the assessment process
- Empower students to become problem solvers
- Consider opportunities for creativity
- Consider how students might own project management

5 Ways to Empower
Students

Check it out! More Strategies to Engage Students...

Click Here!

GARDER LE LIEN AVEC SES ÉLÈVES : DES IDÉES ET RESSOURCES

En période de confinement et de continuité pédagogique, comme dans tout travail à distance, <u>la question de la motivation se pose</u> : la nôtre, celle de nos proches, de nos collègues, celle de nos élèves, de leur famille...

Pour la plupart des élèves, la motivation de se rendre à l'école vient de son rôle social : ils y retrouvent leurs amis, leurs pairs, leurs enseignants. Ainsi, ils se sentent exister dans cet environnement. Pour ce qui est du travail, en temps normal, nous devons essayer de les captiver, de les challenger, de les rendre acteurs, tout cela pour éviter l'ennui qui peut être source de démotivation. Dans le confinement, les élèves se retrouvent face à eux-mêmes, sans avoir été préparés à une organisation du travail adaptée, à travailler souvent en totale autonomie, dans des conditions qui ne sont pas toujours des meilleures... Leur rythme de vie est différent, l'ennui est souvent présent. Autrement dit, tous les moyens sont réunis pour que leur motivation déjà fluctuante se perde pendant la continuité pédagogique. Alors, comment pouvons nous essayer de changer les choses ? Voici 8 conseils pour motiver ou remotiver vos élèves :

- 1. Maintenez du lien humain avec vos élèves
- 2. Utilisez leurs réseaux de communication
- 3. Réservez-leur un accueil VIP
- 4. Rendez-les acteurs
- 5. Le travail d'équipe pour aller plus loin
- 6. Félicitez et encouragez
- 7. Restez disponible (mais raisonnablement)
- 8. Faites-les donc jouer

Lisez plus ici: https://etreprof.fr/ressources/3824/8-conseils-pour-motiver-vos-eleves-de-secondaire-pendant-le-confinement

Possibilités de jeux: mime; Simon dit; Tabou; Scattergories; Qui-suis-je; jeux de rôles comme loupgarous.



Mathletics Gr. 1-12

Many of us are already familiar with this tool, but perhaps don't realize it's full potential for formative assessment.

If you missed the <u>HS4</u>

Mathletics Re-Orientation

Session here is the replay.

The password to view is:

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Mathletics Help Hub here,

AND - a Mathletics Distance

Learning link.

There is so much that
Mathletics can do, and is
easily accessible to students
through the app. This is the
ideal time to give this
program some consideration
over the next couple of
months. If you don't already
have your class signed up,
you can email Learning
Services and request a free
trial for the remainder of the
year.

Just in case you've missed it...Learning A-Z offers videos for Engaging Students in Distant Learning here. (Check out the videos for Teachers and the videos for Parents).

ZORBIT'S MATH ADVENTURE

Zorbits Gr. K-3

Thursday, May 21, 2020
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Kindergarten - Grade 3
Teachers - check your email
for the Zoom link

Holy Spirit Teacher Webinar

In this 30-minute webinar produced for Holy Spirit, Educational Designer and former teacher, Matt Murphy, will guide you around the Zorbit's Math Adventure platform. With a focus on intentional use, he will explore the various tools and resources that make up this K-3 blended learning toolkit - learn how to use them effectively and to your advantage as you create rich learning experiences for your students. Stick around after for some O&A. This webinar will be recorded for future professional learning opportunities.

Teacher Free Access to Zorbit's Math Adventure here.

What is available for parents or teachers that haven't yet signed up?
Home-Learning Kit Landing
Page here.



Knowledgehook Gr. 3-10

Many of our teachers are familiar with
Knowledgehook through the Edwin Ecosystem.
Understanding where your students are in their learning and keeping them engaged in a remote learning environment is a challenge.
To help in that effort,
Knowledgehook, an online formative assessment tool for Mathematics, may be helpful.

Knowledgehook allows you to assign curriculum-aligned questions to your students either as a whole class or to select individuals as a 'Mission'. Students can complete a Mission at their own pace and you can see the results both live and as a summary after the activity is complete. For students, the format is engaging, and the results are instant which makes it easier for you to gather the data you need to better inform your next steps in instruction.

To sign up and get started
go <u>HERE</u>.
To learn how to use
Knowledgehook remotely
go <u>HERE</u>.







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