

Session #19: Using Google Classroom; Kathleen Thiesen

Chat Transcript from July 24, 2020

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24 Jul, 2020 08:32:25 AM - "This is my first conference ever and it has been amazing! Hope to see you all in person one day!"

24 Jul, 2020 08:33:03 AM - Artie - "That will be a wonderful day. I'm looking forward to it. "

24 Jul, 2020 08:34:10 AM - just walked 3.6 miles and I am hot!"

24 Jul, 2020 08:34:35 AM - "My district uses Schoology, but most music trainings have taught Google Classroom and SeeSaw. i am trying to glean what I can though."

24 Jul, 2020 08:34:56 AM - "We use schoology too."

24 Jul, 2020 08:35:10 AM - "We are using Canvas for the first time this year"

24 Jul, 2020 08:35:15 AM - Do you like Schoology?"

24 Jul, 2020 08:35:17 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "I hope you all had a good night's sleep! "

24 Jul, 2020 08:35:21 AM - "I would love to hear from those who use Schoology. I am new to it - started in March"

24 Jul, 2020 08:35:26 AM - "Nope I do not!"

24 Jul, 2020 08:35:27 AM - "Completely overwhelming"

24 Jul, 2020 08:35:33 AM - "Thank you for the amazing Flipgrid info! It's going to help so much this fall"

24 Jul, 2020 08:35:46 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "We had massive storms here last night and I took in the American Guild of Organists OrganFest live on YoouTube. It's been amazing every night this week! "

24 Jul, 2020 08:35:54 AM - " I live in Newport News and teach in Hampton."

24 Jul, 2020 08:35:55 AM - "It is not pretty and tricky for younger children but they will not change "

24 Jul, 2020 08:36:04 AM - "Good morning, Kathleen! So excited to see this!"

24 Jul, 2020 08:36:04 AM - "Same, "

24 Jul, 2020 08:36:12 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Good morning, MPO family :) "

24 Jul, 2020 08:36:27 AM - "They bought it because it works well with PowerSchool."

24 Jul, 2020 08:36:29 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Trying to get the cats to take a nap ;) "

24 Jul, 2020 08:36:51 AM - "I think that is why our district uses Schoology as well"

24 Jul, 2020 08:37:53 AM - "Kathleen, we need your fabulous piano playing while we are waiting! :)"

24 Jul, 2020 08:38:22 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "HA! I wish I could play for you! I have a concert on Sunday. You're welcome to watch on YouTube! "

24 Jul, 2020 08:38:25 AM - "It is definitely gorgeous!"

24 Jul, 2020 08:38:45 AM - "Thanks, Kathleen! That's awesome!"

24 Jul, 2020 08:39:23 AM - "Pamela, I am in Las Vegas, Nevada, but the names are so close!"

24 Jul, 2020 08:39:30 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "FYI - everyone - the FONT on my handouts and in the powerpoint is called Dyslexie. It makes it easier for students with reading difficulties to read. "

24 Jul, 2020 08:40:04 AM - "yeah. my district just deleted ability to use seesaw for safety issues? I am beyond mad so there was no reason for me to watch that awesome session"

24 Jul, 2020 08:41:29 AM - "How do we ask a question that is longer than the question box will allow?"

24 Jul, 2020 08:41:39 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " you can type it here! "

24 Jul, 2020 08:41:48 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "or message me on FB "

24 Jul, 2020 08:42:32 AM - "Last spring, we all had our own classrooms. This fall, they are planning to have one classroom per grade and we all post to it. How do we set it up so only our assignments show up in the grade book and so we don't get everyone's notices?"

24 Jul, 2020 08:42:37 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "The box over the top is just for security, FYI "

24 Jul, 2020 08:43:19 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " that's a tough predicament. You will have to toggle off notifications for that classroom or it'll filll your inbox with notifications "

24 Jul, 2020 08:43:25 AM - "I think the class specific notifications hasn't always been an option. I'm so glad they added it."

24 Jul, 2020 08:43:55 AM - "I also think it's new. I was hoping they'd make some changes. That will be a good one. Can we do that with our gradebook too?"

24 Jul, 2020 08:45:05 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "For co-teachers: my district required us to add our dept chair, principal and asst principal to every googleclassroom "

24 Jul, 2020 08:46:02 AM - "We're so small we don't have to worry about that. One nice feature of a small school."

24 Jul, 2020 08:46:04 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "the 'student unknown' is a 'test' account for our district to use, FYI. You can ask I.T. to set up some of those "

24 Jul, 2020 08:46:27 AM - "Each teacher is our own department. "

24 Jul, 2020 08:47:20 AM - "Is there a way to transport a large list of student emails? "

24 Jul, 2020 08:47:26 AM - - "Yes you will! I speak from experience :("

24 Jul, 2020 08:47:57 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Yes, me too! "

24 Jul, 2020 08:48:15 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " your i.t. dept could populate the student lists for you. Ours did not. "

24 Jul, 2020 08:48:43 AM - "Do you have a favorite place for emoji fonts?"

24 Jul, 2020 08:48:44 AM - "Difference between creating "Assignments", "Material", etc? When using MP?"

24 Jul, 2020 08:48:44 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "This is similar to what Amy just did in SeeSaw"

24 Jul, 2020 08:49:07 AM - "Is there a way to share lessons with other music teachers in my district? If"

24 Jul, 2020 08:49:24 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Diane - It depends on what you are using it for. If youo want to grade it, put it up as an assignment and assign points. That will be shown in a momnt. "

24 Jul, 2020 08:50:07 AM - "We (PE, Art, Music) had our own K-5 Google Classrooms. It was very difficult to sort students by class and grade. We are planning to individual Google Classrooms for each of our classes this year to hopefully make assessment tracking easier."

24 Jul, 2020 08:50:10 AM - - "Are today's sessions being recorded?"

24 Jul, 2020 08:50:11 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " what my dept did with shared assignments was to post them in a GoogleClassroom for all of our elem music teachers. You may have seen that on my Class Card page :) We all put our favorite lessons in there, and we were all 'teachers' in that class, so we could share it"

24 Jul, 2020 08:50:26 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " yes, they are recorded "

24 Jul, 2020 08:50:33 AM - Back to all teachers in a grade using the same classroom: can each teacher set classroom up the way they want to see it or does it have to be one universal set-up? Can we set gradebook up so we only see our assignments? I really don't want to see assignments from six teachers"

24 Jul, 2020 08:50:34 AM - "Thank you so much!"

24 Jul, 2020 08:53:04 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "If you are sharing a classroom, it will have one universal set up. "

24 Jul, 2020 08:53:50 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "I shared ONE classroom with multiple teachers this spring and it was very wild! We all had 'topics' in CLASSWORK section and then the student could see the topics in CLASSWORK or as shortcuts on the left. The students had a hard time finding things "

24 Jul, 2020 08:54:41 AM - "That's what I was afraid of. Do you have any suggestions how we can set classroom up so parents aren't getting multiple messages? That's what they want to avoid."

24 Jul, 2020 08:55:25 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Diane - that's a tough one. Not all parents sign up for notifications, and some toggle them off or sign up for a daily or weekly bulletin "

24 Jul, 2020 08:55:56 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "That's my OLD music room :("

24 Jul, 2020 08:56:20 AM - "Love the whole set of Orff instruments!!!!!! My Dream!!!!!"

24 Jul, 2020 08:56:25 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "I used ScreenFlow to put that together. "

24 Jul, 2020 08:56:33 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Those ORFF instr. are going to save me in September! "

24 Jul, 2020 08:56:53 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "I will need to buy rubber mallets that are easy to snitize, though. Yarn mallets will be put in storage "

24 Jul, 2020 08:57:05 AM - "Please address working with classroom teachers and getting them to just post your classroom link instead of demanding complete lesson plans "

24 Jul, 2020 08:57:26 AM - "that's cute"

24 Jul, 2020 08:57:28 AM - "How did you make the escape room?!"

24 Jul, 2020 08:57:29 AM - "What percentage of your students were actually working online?"

24 Jul, 2020 08:57:31 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "jeanine - I am not sure what you mean? "

24 Jul, 2020 08:58:16 AM - "YES!!!!!"

24 Jul, 2020 08:58:17 AM - "So glad that we will have that linking ability"

24 Jul, 2020 08:58:34 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "escape room - GoogleSlides. I got that one from my friend Christina Snyder :) "

24 Jul, 2020 08:58:51 AM - "Teachers in my school insist on learning targets and activities in THEIR schedule for the week, when all that is available on my class site. Am I the only one?"

24 Jul, 2020 08:58:54 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Cheryl - 90% of my students participated "

24 Jul, 2020 08:59:33 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "jeanine - I would check wth your admins about what THEY need. A teacher shouldn't be demanding something from another fellow teacher "

24 Jul, 2020 08:59:41 AM - "Cheryl, between 80 and 90 percent of my kids participated. "

24 Jul, 2020 08:59:58 AM - "Thank you. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:00:40 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "e.g. our admins don't require us to turn in lesson plans except for observations, but I keep all of my own VERY detailed lesson plans in PlanBook.com "

24 Jul, 2020 09:01:15 AM - "Planbook.com is awesome."

24 Jul, 2020 09:01:27 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "I encourage recording YOURSELF as much as possible b/c then you are interacting with the kids if you can't be 'live' "

24 Jul, 2020 09:01:44 AM - "never thought of this.....Love it absolutely!!!!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:02:07 AM - "I'm loving these new lists of resources that I've never heard of before! :)"

24 Jul, 2020 09:02:44 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "This was so awkward ;) "

24 Jul, 2020 09:03:05 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "We usually use this in the classroom on the SmartBoard! "

24 Jul, 2020 09:03:54 AM - "This is exactly what I need. How to teach with the musicplay lesson and personalize it. Thank you!!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:04:22 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "YAY, esther! "

24 Jul, 2020 09:04:28 AM - "I missed how you set up video in pic teaching how to use MP lessons to personalize instructions?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:04:28 AM - "wow!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:04:32 AM - ":O That's a lot of data!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:04:53 AM - "Free version of Screencastify allows 10 minute videos. Very reasonable price to upgrade."

24 Jul, 2020 09:05:33 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Our district paid for the upgrade to Screencastify. Loom works well, too. I use ScreenFlow software b/c I can do way more "

24 Jul, 2020 09:06:14 AM - "My question about separate links from musicplay was finally answered!!!! Thank you, Kathleen!!!!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:06:14 AM - "I wish this video were available for a long time, b/c so many of us are going to have to refer back to this video it is wonderful. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:06:46 AM - "Our district uses WeVideo"

24 Jul, 2020 09:06:57 AM - "How about difference between Vid Apps Flipgrid vs Screencastify vs Soundtrap easy use for T & Ss"

24 Jul, 2020 09:06:58 AM - "If you do a screen recording in loom, where is that stored? I haven't tried Loom yet."

24 Jul, 2020 09:07:17 AM - "This is exactly what I needed! I used Google Classroom and Screencastify but I didn't teach the lesson. I love this!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:07:51 AM - "Is anyone else having lots of issues with the video breaking up?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:08:10 AM - "Can you pause your lesson to go to another site and turn it on again when you are at the site?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:08:20 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Pam - this will be available for a long time :) "

24 Jul, 2020 09:08:49 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "jackie - my video isn't breaking up, but I am on ethernet. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:08:53 AM - "Can you do the opposite where your image on video is in the background screen and the musicplay activity is in the corner?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:09:01 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " - yes - you can add more onto your recording "

24 Jul, 2020 09:09:20 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "- I can do that in Screen Flow :) "

24 Jul, 2020 09:10:12 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "the great thing about Dana's lesson here in GoogleSlides is that she is TEACHING the kids to USE THE SITE. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:10:20 AM - "I've tried using Screencastify to project the full screen songs, and the fullscreen feature doesn't work for the individual songs. I did email the support team and they suggested to zoom in on the screen (Command-shift+) and that way your "face" is bigger, as well as the song."

24 Jul, 2020 09:10:32 AM - "Does anyone have data on student response and involvement of music learning? "

24 Jul, 2020 09:11:31 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " I put up a post in some facebook groups to ask about partic. rates in online learning in music in spring. We only have anecdotal evidence from the people who replied, but many teachers said it was only 10-25% of kids who participated. I had about 90% who participated"

24 Jul, 2020 09:11:35 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "somewhat, but not on everything"

24 Jul, 2020 09:11:39 AM - "*edit--data of student response and involvement of online music learning."

24 Jul, 2020 09:11:44 AM - "How to increase Ss engagement?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:11:59 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "LIVE teaching on GoogleMeet or Zoom engaged way moore kids "

24 Jul, 2020 09:12:03 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "m*more "

24 Jul, 2020 09:12:12 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "sorry! My keyboard is broken! *more "

24 Jul, 2020 09:12:18 AM - "free version of screencastify only has 5 minutes of videos"

24 Jul, 2020 09:13:20 AM - "that's pretty cool...sorry, accidentally hit return!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:13:31 AM - "Did screencastify change the time limit for the free version? It used to be limited to five minute videos."

24 Jul, 2020 09:13:41 AM - "And % student response will possibly be tied to school funding now. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:14:34 AM - "I need some tips to improve my singing voice so I can be more comfortable recording videos! I feel like my pitch is not high enough..."

24 Jul, 2020 09:14:36 AM - "I feel like everything has to be under one file to avoid needing to look so many places. The lady who did it all through powerpoint, how did she deal with this?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:15:14 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " take lessons with a voice teacher! "

24 Jul, 2020 09:15:48 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " I did a lot of mine in GoogleSlides, too. Classroom teachers were using that, as well. I found it confusing for kids, so I quickly dumped that :) "

24 Jul, 2020 09:16:25 AM - Karen - " I'd need to do it online now. Good idea though."

24 Jul, 2020 09:17:08 AM - "why was is confusing for Ss if CTeachers & you use GSlides? "

24 Jul, 2020 09:17:40 AM - "Sorry - I thought screencastify was 10 minutes. I upgrades right away because I couldn't stay under. Sorry :-(

24 Jul, 2020 09:18:04 AM - My head is spinning with all this info!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:18:04 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Every voice teacher in the world is teaching online right now:)"

24 Jul, 2020 09:18:31 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "Sorry to make your head spin! The good part is that you can go back and watch this over and over :)"

24 Jul, 2020 09:18:48 AM - "once assignment material posted to several GC's then I can't revise all have to individually revise each?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:19:12 AM - "I integrated Google Classroom with all my other teaching platforms (quaver, musicplay, seesaw, flipgrid). I would post the assignment in Google classroom and then put links of where to go in there for each location for the specifics. It helped students know what they were missing"

24 Jul, 2020 09:19:25 AM - "no matter where I was doing the task. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:19:28 AM - "work around to have all grade level / division GMeets? "

24 Jul, 2020 09:19:33 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " I did the same! "

24 Jul, 2020 09:19:59 AM - Kathleen Theisen - " you cannot use the link in each class to invite all classes. You'll need to make your own and then post the link to all classes "

24 Jul, 2020 09:21:09 AM - " same here! Our entire school (except kinder) used Google Classroom. It was pretty easy to post links to Flipgrid tasks and Musicplay."

24 Jul, 2020 09:21:10 AM - "create own link in my GC & copy & paste this link into each GC"

24 Jul, 2020 09:21:11 AM - "If you also have a digital classroom (the new "it" thing this spring) you can link an assignment from GC to the digital classroom (but only those who are enrolled in that classroom can actually access it) "

24 Jul, 2020 09:21:19 AM - Kathleen Theisen - "yes "

24 Jul, 2020 09:21:30 AM - "I have taught with powerpoints for years. So I taught my lesson from my ppt using Screencastify and recorded. Sometimes with me embedded sometimes w/o. We didn't have our own GC so I posted mine to a Google site with links to additional resources."

24 Jul, 2020 09:22:53 AM - "already refreshed. don't hear a thing"

24 Jul, 2020 09:23:41 AM - "What is a digital classroom? Is it same as a Google website?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:24:01 AM - - "Thanks Kathleen. It was very helpful. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:24:11 AM - "It can be. It is an interactive classroom that you have students click links on. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:24:35 AM - "How do you track grades and who has turned in on time and who has turned in late? Last year I found myself going back into every single assignment to see if the kids had turned in assignments late. Is there a way to find this in one place?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:24:44 AM - "Thank you so much for this info! I've used GC a lot but learned many tips and tricks today that I didn't know. Thanks so much!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:24:51 AM - -

"https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1PeEKQsAgR8_8UTkHbHwdjsp9ifQh_LGaAU8WZt-8gR8/present"

24 Jul, 2020 09:25:11 AM - - "Here is a link to my digital classroom that I made for the spring. I am currently working on updating it for the fall"

24 Jul, 2020 09:25:08 AM - "Screencastomatic- I think you can get 10 min on free version..if I read correctly 15 min+ is the first monthly fee perk."

24 Jul, 2020 09:25:54 AM - - "Awesome!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:26:07 AM - "This was very helpful, thank you, I will be rewatching. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:26:38 AM - "Kathleen, GREAT session! Thank you very much!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:26:55 AM - Alyssa Tarr - "screencastomatic gives you 15 minutes free. I used it all last year. There is also free editing software that is installed on windows computers."

24 Jul, 2020 09:27:28 AM - "This was very helpful! Thank you so much! "

24 Jul, 2020 09:27:32 AM - "TY!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:28:25 AM - "Although my district uses Schoology as their LMS, the instruction you gave on creating teaching videos was a godsend! Thank you SO much!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:29:10 AM - "yes its topic"

24 Jul, 2020 09:29:33 AM - "Under settings, I see you can add a google meets link. Is this link good for ever? DO you have to change the meeting link everyday?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:30:06 AM - "A tip that works for me: Kids are confused by the Stream. They scroll and scroll looking for things. I turned off the stream in notifications and it only has one item in it that says "Please click on the Classwork Tab.""

24 Jul, 2020 09:30:33 AM - "I mean turn off the stream in settings (I accidentally said notifications)."

24 Jul, 2020 09:30:43 AM - "Great tip!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:30:46 AM - "i think it is to be changed as Ss could enter GMeet themselves w/o teacher supervision? "

24 Jul, 2020 09:30:54 AM - Very good idea!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:31:19 AM - " I know classroom teachers created a google meet link and used it daily or weekly"

24 Jul, 2020 09:31:55 AM - " it did not need to be changed. I believe there are settings that allow students to only perform certain options"

24 Jul, 2020 09:32:46 AM - - "could Ss enter w/o teacher supervision if they have the GMeet link ahead of time?"

24 Jul, 2020 09:34:12 AM - "Here's a video of me showing how to force kids to use the Classwork Tab: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWf-Rf5tWIs&t=39s>"

24 Jul, 2020 09:34:23 AM - "When music was optional for all students, I chose to create my own MAIN Google Classroom and created topics as if they were my files (collecting/sorting free resources there), Then I added different grade appropriate resources to my individual classes by listing them as topics. "

24 Jul, 2020 09:34:30 AM - "TY!"

24 Jul, 2020 09:35:30 AM – “yes they can access it before you get there. I work in a K-3 school so there was always parent supervision. We stayed on until all students logged off though.”