Introduction to Integrating iPads in the Early Childhood and Elementary Classroom

Central MA Readiness Center

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8:00 AM — 4:00 PM
Johnny Appleseed Elementary School
845 Main St.
Leominster, MA

This workshop will provide an introductory overview to the iPad features and applications. It will explore developmentally appropriate ways to use an iPad in an early childhood classroom. Basic functionality and applications (apps) will be explored. It will emphasize hands-on activities and focus on creativity, educational gaming, teacher tools, and communication using iPads.

This course will offer ECE (Early Childhood Education/PreK-3rd grade) teachers the opportunity to explore practical ways to use technology to enrich their curriculum. Participants will explore a multitude of innovative ideas to use iPads and other technology to support and increase the literacy skills of students.

Learning Outcomes

1. Learn the basic operation of using a mobile device (iPad) in the classroom.
2. Review and Evaluate Apps for the ECE/Elementary children to increase student learning and engagement.
3. Use tools focused on creating multimedia and video projects to support project-based learning.
4. Communicate and Collaborate with students and families by publishing work to a collaborative site or blog.
5. Learn new classroom techniques for writing by differentiating your instruction and assignments by using blogs, digital storytelling and multimedia presentations as alternatives to assignments.

Cost: None
Credit: 10 PDP/1 CEU
Materials: Participants must bring an iPad or iPhone
Sponsor: Funding provided through the Early Learning Challenge Grant from the Department of Early Education & Care

Bio/Background on Instructors

Mary Marotta is a high school technology integration teacher, and adjunct faculty member for Fitchburg State University, specializing in technology integration. Mary holds a Master's degree in Instructional Technology from Lesley University and has been teaching and providing professional development in the area of technology integration for over twenty years. Mary has received several awards and grants as a Microsoft Innovative Teacher, Google Certified Educator, Intel and HP Teaching Grant Recipient and a MassCUE Pathfinder Awards which recognizes catalyst for advancing the educational technology environment that has significant impact on people outside the local classroom or district by facilitating a positive change in technological thinking in the classroom, school, or district.

Nancy Marrese is a first grade teacher at Shaker Lane Elementary School in Littleton, MA and uses iPads and Google Apps in her classroom daily. Nancy has a classroom blog where she communicates with parents and showcases student work.

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