Tools for Change

A prediction for the future of technology use in schools

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Overview

- Tools for change
- Instructional practices
- Classroom environment
- The "new" literacy



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"Anytime, anywhere"

Personal portable device

- Wireless LAN
- Multimedia
- · Small apps
- Handwriting/voice recognition
- · Expandability with slot



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Textbooks

Electronic Books

- Multimedia
- Updatable
- · Keyword searching
- Note-taking
- 40,000+ pages



Administrative Tasks

Biometric recognition

- Attendance
- · Hall passes



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Administrative Tasks

Lunch selection

- Identified by IP
- Log on to cafeteria server
- Pay by e-wallet



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Administrative Tasks

Daily announcements

- Identified by IP
- No more loud speaker
- Targeted for each child
- Notes for home included



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Administrative Tasks

Cafeteria

• Identified by biometric technology methods



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Student tools

Tablet device

- Large screen allows sharing
- Wireless
- Internet and network ready
- · CD-ROM and camera





Instructional Practices: Teacher

Old way

- Disseminator
- Packaged information
- Lecture/handouts
- · Teacher in control
- Computers
 - Drill and practice
 - ILS
 - Tutorials

New way

- Facilitator
- Resource provide
- · Provides access
- · Teacher as learner
- Technology
- Research
- Problem-solving
- Communication

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Instructional Practices: Student

Old way

- Receiver
- Passive
- Memorizer
- Worked alone
- · Did not share

New way

- Searcher
- Active researcher
- Problem-solver
- Strategist
- Collaborator
- Experiential learner

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Instructional Practices: Content

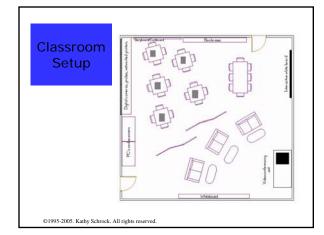
Old way

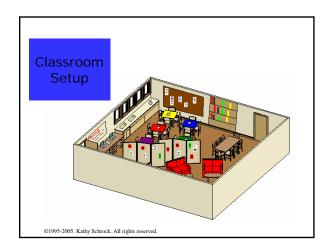
- Discipline-specific
- Separate subjects
- Divided into small chunks
- Memorization
- · Hard to learn it all

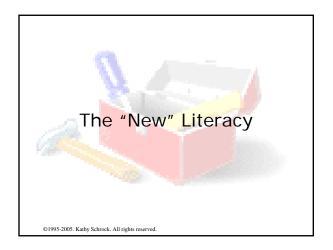
New way

- Interdisciplinary
- Multiple perspectives
- · Real-world problems
- Small concepts
- Insight









Information Literacy Team

Team

- Classroom teacher
- Library media specialist
- · Technology teacher



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Big6 Task definition Evaluation Informationseeking Synthesis Location and access Use of information http://www.big6.com/

Access to Information

- Will cost money based on type
 - Web pages: \$
 - Video on demand: \$\$
- Students will use e-wallets
- Subscription sites
 - Authoritative
 - Valid
 - Original information





Wrap-Up

- There will be access to individual tools in the classroom for students to use
- The instructional practices will change
- The classroom environment will change
- Information literacy skills will be the basis for all information acquisition

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