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**[howard\_staf] Tech bites**

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Morning Everyone,

Hope these last days before break are smooth sailing. I know that I'm really hoping! In my last few tech bites I have shared a couple different tech things to try out, Seesaw and Vooks.com being two of them. I wanted to continue sharing some things that myself as well as other teachers are using that may be of interest to you that you could try now or try over the break.

Some of you that have been using Google Classroom have brought to my attention that their are quite a few buttons/clicks and a lot of figuring out how to make documents "writable" and so on. As I teach 2nd grade and I am not a pro at Google Classroom, I have been using a program called Showbie. I love it! It works in a very similar capacity as Google Classroom.

**What can Showbie do:**

- Enter in a class(es)
- Send out documents, videos, pictures to students to be able to access at anytime
- Create folders for projects
- Annotate on worksheets (paperless) and turn them back in
- Share what you have written or done with Seesaw or other apps

**Ways that I have used it:**

I send students non-fiction text comprehension packets during my reading workshop time. I have them pull up the worksheet (paperless) and fill out with text, annotation (writing), add details. Then the students can save it and you can then go in and check their work. The students can also start a worksheet and then save and go back in and finish later.

During our reading units we have created folders that have pre-set things in them that the students can use for projects. Example: Doing a story on Jellyfish, I have created a folder in Showbie named Jellies. Within the folder I have put videos about different jellyfish, photos that students can use for a

project, and any worksheets/documents/templates that the students may need to complete their projects.

**Reason why I use Showbie over Google Classroom:**

There is nothing wrong with Google Classroom, I just find that Showbie for me, is more user friendly for me and the students (at least in 2nd grade). It's simple and it has nothing to do with Google and passwords. I don't need permissions to use it because it does not go out to the internet. With the Pro version you can team up with another teacher and share kids and assignments.

Here is the website: <https://www.showbie.com/>

**Here are some videos showing more about Showbie:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4blbQmfkcvE&t=13s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBJ41NmpnQg>

If you have any questions or feel like you want to give it a go come see me during TLT meeting day on the 19th from 2:30-3:30. Allan has also told me that he would be willing to purchase Showbie Pro for anyone that wants to use it.

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