

My Favorite Educational Technology Tools

One educational technology tool that I find to be very useful and successful in teaching Spanish is [Quizlet](#). It is very useful for learning new words, and reviewing old ones, as well as for identification of tenses and pronouns. I like it for its ability to speed up my students' processing speed, something that is very important in the acquisition of a new language. Processing speed builds confidence and makes a language more accessible and useful to my students. Quizlet has various speed games: Scatter, Space Race, and Speller. These are great because while students focus on getting high scores and beating their classmates they are unknowingly strengthening their processing speed.

I also like to use Quizlet for reviewing as well as for my own ease of making materials for games. The site organizes the words and makes flashcards of various sizes which I use for games like "The Circle of Death," "Spoons," and others. The site also generates quizzes using the words that you have created in your lists. I love that the tests can be controlled to include multiple choice, short answer, matching, and true/false. See my quizlet sets [here](#).

I'm also loving the use of Weebly. I think it will be amazing to have around when students are constantly missing school for sports and other activities. I can upload notes, instructions, links, and announcements for my students to keep up on even while they are on the bus. I also love the idea of it being a place students know to go to immediately when we go to the computer lab. That way I can skip a lot of steps by providing instructions and links for students to go where I need them to go. I also think this will be a dream for sub plans as well. I hope to leave my site for subs to go to with links and videos ready to go so that the day won't be wasted. Besides the uses for students, I also plan to use it as a way to keep notes and plans organized for myself for future reference and also to use to help share with other teachers. I hope to keep up my site and through that hopefully other teachers can get ideas for their own lessons.

Last, but not least, I definitely plan to use Twitter. I already follow a lot of educators and education publications from NETA (thanks, dad), and am receiving cool stuff constantly from my dad about ed. tech., but I'd like to also use it in class to get out information and also for students to share their creativity.