EXPERIENCE:

INNOVATIVE ENVIRONMENTS AND LEARNING
THE LEARNING SPACE
MORE THAN JUST FURNITURE, IT'S A PHILOSOPHY
VISION:
A FLEXIBLE SPACE WHERE STUDENTS ARE IN CONTROL
GROUP WORK

IT WAS POSSIBLE, BUT CRAMPED!
WELCOMING AND WARM, BUT CLUTTERED...
AFTER...

SPACE FOR MOVEMENT, WITH MINIMAL DISTRACTIONS
AFTER

PNEUMATIC TABLES: MOBILE AND ADJUSTABLE
MORE SPACE FOR GROUP WORK AND COLLABORATION
ALLOWS FOR A VARIETY OF TABLE ARRANGEMENTS
TABLES CAN ACCOMMODATE STANDING ACTIVITIES
REMOVING BARRIERS

THE CLASSROOM IS SHARED LEARNING SPACE
BE AMONG STUDENTS
NOT ABOVE THEM
THE TEACHER DESK
ALLS FOR MORE SPACE; PUTS US AMONG STUDENTS

MOVEABLE PODIUM
NO DESK...

• More space
• Better rapport/trust
• See how they learn
• Classroom management
• Sense of camaraderie
STORAGE TOWER FOR SUPPLIES AND PERSONAL ITEMS
NO UNNECESSARY FURNITURE
As a 1:1 iPad school, we felt it was necessary to go as wireless as possible.
We use MacBooks to go wireless ALL day!
GOOGLE DRIVE

- Collaborate on projects
- Revision history
- No lost work!
- Google forms for assessment (flubaroo)
- Available on any device/computer
GOOGLE CLASSROOM

• Post all assignments, notes, announcements
• Perfect for absent students
• Give immediate feedback to classes or individuals
• Is the "hub" for resources
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
PUTTING THE STUDENT IN CHARGE OF THEIR LEARNING
METHODS

- Project based learning
- Performance based learning
- Simulations
- Hands-on/kinesthetic methods
Students assumed the role of American colonists for a standards-based debate...
Students ran an entire campaign, including polls, advertisements, speeches and debates.
OTHER EXPERIENCES:

• Primary elections: iMovie
• House of Representatives simulation
• Illustrate concepts through action: The Pearl Exchange, Paper Chain Supply
• Mock trial
THE POWER OF AN AUDIENCE
SHOWCASE YOUR STUDENTS AND INCREASE QUALITY OF WORK
WHY AN AUDIENCE?

- Students can get used to performing amongst their peers
- Showcases their talents and learning
- Adds more accountability
- Potential for greater involvement from school, community and industry
WHERE DO WE FIND AN AUDIENCE?

• YouTube
• Twitter: classroom hashtag; Twitter polls and questions
• Industry professionals to collaborate
• Move into the public spaces of your school
PRACTICAL APPLICATION
WHAT YOU CAN DO ON MONDAY!
ENVIRONMENT

• Ditch the desk
• Sit among the students as you teach
• Ask for flexible furniture
• Utilize Google drive and classroom
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

• Try project based learning
• Inquiry based: question them and let them struggle!
• Get students out of their seats by simulating concepts instead of instructing concepts
• Take risks!
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