

#1stchat

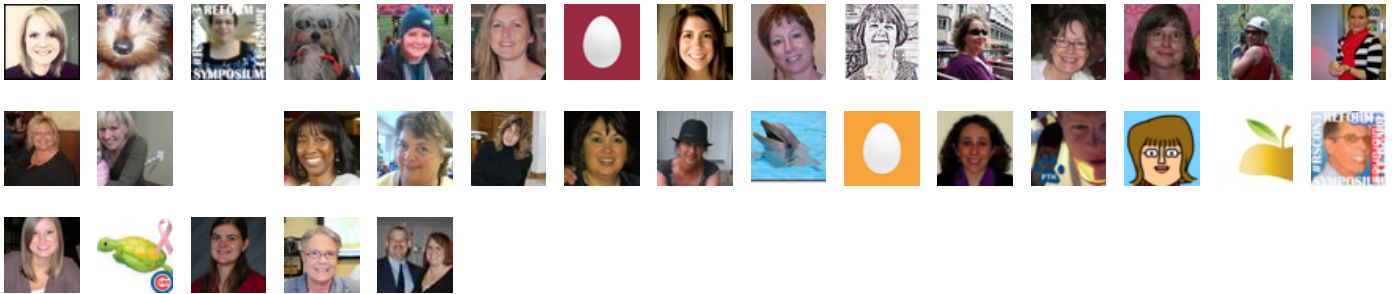
July 17th #1stchat

Very first #1stchat

Trending Words

@cyarzy, great, love, first, parents, rt, use, school, kids, -, @grade1, thanks, @komos72, day, year

Event Participants





RT @CYarzy: I take a lot of pictures during the first week of school and put them into a Smilebox for parents to see - I post it on our wiki #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:26 | AudreyLash



RT @kathycassidy: Link for my school div. form for computer use/posting student work. <http://bit.ly/ihoue5> Click on Info Tech, then Res Com. Use #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:20 | AudreyLash



@CYarzy Thank you so much! The chat was absolutely amazing! Thanks for all your hard work! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:13 | cpatselas



@TheHomeworkDog That is totally awesome! Thanks so much! Your amazing! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:13 | cpatselas



RT @TheHomeworkDog: Ss had cards w qr code to link to their blog or livebinder <http://twitvid.com/PLETA> #1stchat <- Neat idea!Thanks Lisa!

18-Jul-11 01:11 | Grade1



@cpatselas @S_Getting @Grade1 @CathyMere Ss had cards w qr code to link to their blog or livebinder <http://twitvid.com/PLETA> #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:09 | TheHomeworkDog



@cpatselas <http://t.co/UjMqLzX> #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:09 | CYarzy



Just "met" so many more amazing teachers through #1stchat. Excited to add more great educators to my PLN!

18-Jul-11 01:06 | Grade1



RT @teach1tech: #1stchat wonderful 1st chat.. thanks so much for the inspiration and great ideas.. Remember we can use this more than just 1x a week

18-Jul-11 01:04 | CathyMere



#1stchat thanks all..great new ideas to check into!!!!

18-Jul-11 01:03 | wriley1



@kathycassidy @SLGaudet Glad you like it too! It's one of my favourite apps. Students have made puppet shows on EVERYTHING! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:03 | Grade1



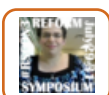
My very first chat...WOW! Very informative. Can't wait for the next one already! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:03 | Stalsbergm



Thanks everyone! Love that this was our first #1stchat. Looking forward to continued learning. Thanks to all who helped make it happen.

18-Jul-11 01:02 | CathyMere



RT @CYarzy: Thanks everyone! #1stchat Have a great week! I will post next weeks topics on Wednesday night! <-Thanks for organizing this!

18-Jul-11 01:02 | Grade1



@Grade1 @SLGaudet Yes, PuppetPals is a great app. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:02 | kathycassidy



@SLGaudet The students loved using the puppets as well! Will make them earlier in the year this year. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:01 | kathycassidy



@SLGaudet @kathycassidy PuppetPals is a great app for this too if you have an iP@d or iP*d Touch. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:01 | Grade1



#1stchat if you find something interested don't forget to drop it off for all to see and share!

18-Jul-11 01:01 | teach1tech



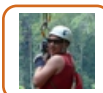
Keep sharing ideas! Include #1stchat in your tweets!

18-Jul-11 01:01 | CYarzy



@S_Getting ::raises hand::so much great food for thought! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:00 | jenn_dare



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18-Jul-11 01:00 | teach1tech



Thanks, everyone, for the fabulous chat! I have lots of research to do now! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:00 | Komos72



#1stchat @kathycassidy Love your idea to record the students puppet shows when they are discussing learnt topics!

18-Jul-11 01:00 | SLGaudet



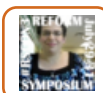
Thanks, everyone!; love this PLN! That was the fastest hour ever! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:00 | S_Getting



@CYarzy Thanks so much for organizing #1stchat. It's been great.

18-Jul-11 01:00 | kathycassidy



@LNPG7 @teach1quilt2 Here's the Animoto link <http://animoto.com/> I create lots of slideshow to post on my blog <http://bit.ly/cefoTd> #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:00 | Grade1



@S_Getting Thinking a hanging QR code would allow parents to link at open house. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 01:00 | CathyMere



@kathycassidy @CathyMere Very true! Safety is definitely on everyone's minds! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:59 | Komos72



I will post our chat from tonight on our wiki page! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:59 | CYarzy



Right there with ya! RT @S_Getting: Anybody else's head spinning? Loving it, but it's spinning! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:59 | Stalsbergm



@S_Getting YES!! So many ideas! So much I need to research! But I love it!! :) #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:58 | Komos72



@S_Getting Yes, so much to think about! I love all of the different ideas though! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:58 | Grade1



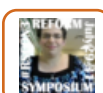
So glad you could all make it tonight! Awesome chat! Great ideas! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:58 | C_Yarzy



Great idea! RT @S_Getting: re business cards, @thehomeworkdog puts a QR code to her classroom website on her cards! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:58 | CathyMere



@Komos72 @teach1quilt2 It's fantastic! So easy to use. The program basically does it for you. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:58 | Grade1



Anybody else's head spinning? Loving it, but it's spinning! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:58 | S_Getting



@teach1quilt2 @grade1 Sweet!! I'll look into that for the Grandparents' Day slideshow! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:57 | Komos72



RT @S_Getting One more thing on business cards, @thehomeworkdog puts a QR code to her classroom website on her cards! #1stchat <-Great idea!

18-Jul-11 00:57 | Grade1



@CathyMere is Pixie like Animato? Haven't used either. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:57 | valruckes



@Komos72 #1stchat Oh yes, you can do slideshows and add video.

18-Jul-11 00:57 | teach1quilt2



@kathycassidy Usually once parents see what is being done and how pics/work are being shared they are much more comfortable. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:56 | CathyMere



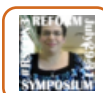
@CathyMere That is what I do on each of the student's blogs. On my blog, I post pictures without identifying who is in them. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:56 | kathycassidy



One more thing on business cards, @thehomeworkdog puts a QR code to her classroom website on her cards! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:56 | S_Getting



@Komos72 @teach1quilt2 You can! That's basically what you do on it. Can only use one song I think though. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:56 | Grade1



@kathycassidy I like that. Maybe I'll do that for Curriculum Night, when it's just the parents. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:56 | Komos72

@stalsbergm exactly! And surprisingly they do not always choose 2 minutes. It's a win- win. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:54 | LNPG7

I learned about Animato from @Grade1 #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:54 | teach1quilt2

Link for my school div. form for computer use/posting student work. <http://bit.ly/ihoue5> Click on Info Tech, then Res Com. Use #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:53 | kathycassidy

I love Animato as well - so easy to use, and not blocked in our district! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:53 | teach1quilt2

@CathyMere There are lots of great sites for avatars - I know @kbkconnected has some great ones #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:53 | CYarzy

@CYarzy parents sign something as part of school paper work but I'm thinking of doing letter 4 my class too need to talk to admin #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:53 | LNPG7

@CathyMere Isn't chatting from your #fancyphone fun?! ;) #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:53 | Komos72

@valruckes Make that avatars on Pixie #1stchat. Ahhh #autocorrect

18-Jul-11 00:52 | CathyMere

@Komos72 @teach1tech @CYarzy I love Animato! I use it often! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:52 | Grade1

@teach1tech @CYarzy @Komos72 Haven't used animoto, but will add it to my list of sites I need to check out! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:51 | Komos72

Thanks! Great way to include choice...RT @LNPG7: @Stalsbergm I say " do you need 1 minute or 2?" set timer and I walk away. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:51 | Stalsbergm

We made avatars on Dixie for this. RT @valruckes: What about posting self-portraits in place of their actual pics on Blogs ? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:51 | CathyMere

RT @kathycassidy: @jillfish I LOVE your idea of Listening conferences! #1stchat

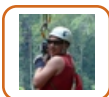
18-Jul-11 00:51 | poulingail

@Grade1 @kathycassidy We have a picture policy but no real tech usage letter - would love to see one! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:50 | CYarzy

@CathyMere Ooh, thanks! Good call! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:50 | Komos72



@CYarzy @Komos72 #1stchat I also like to do animoto with my families around diff. class holidays.. shows them the fun and excitement

18-Jul-11 00:49 | teach1tech



What about posting self-portraits in place of their actual pics on Blogs ? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:49 | valruckes



#1stchat <http://t.co/AOswudx> audio read news articles

18-Jul-11 00:49 | wiley1



@teach1quilt2 Yes. My school division has a note that everyone in the district has to sign. Link coming... #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:49 | kathycassidy



@teach1tech Thanks! I do have a flickr acct. I'll try that and Shutterfly! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:49 | Komos72



@CYarzy @kathycassidy Our Board has a form that parents sign. Goes home the 1st day of school. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:49 | Grade1



@teach1quilt2 #1stchat I do flashlight activities with our word wall games also..

18-Jul-11 00:48 | teach1tech



@teach1tech @Komos72 Smilebox is a great way to create quick online scrapbooks with kids pictures #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:48 | CYarzy



@Komos72 #1stchat if you had a flickr account it could be a secure location to post all pictures.. Havent done, but just a thought

18-Jul-11 00:48 | teach1tech



RT @kathycassidy: @LNPG7 So true. A picture really IS worth 1000 words. I love my blog for the same reason. #1stchat <-- I totally agree!

18-Jul-11 00:48 | jillfishch



Read somewhere about "flashlight friday" - using last min. of wk to read by flashlight. Want to intro that during 1st wk this yr. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:48 | teach1quilt2



@kathycassidy Do you have parents sign some type of form at the beginning of the year for tech usage? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:48 | CYarzy



@LNPG7 So true. A picture really IS worth 1000 words. I love my blog for the same reason. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:47 | kathycassidy



@LNPG7 Great point! And if I have a secure site, I can post pics! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:47 | Komos72



BrainPOP has some great videos on blogs, email, etc. on their site #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:47 | CYarzy



@ShLoeMaurer No, not for math. For math, I have more variety. Base on one or two topics working on in class. Still 6 centres. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:46 | Grade1



@CathyMere Mine are too - my kiddos were in the Huffington Post last year. Mixed feelings from parents #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:46 | CYarzy



@Komos72 I use a blog to communicate I've found parents care more about seeing pics of kids in action rthr than wordy nwsltter #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:46 | LNPG7



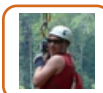
@Komos72 Our district and parents still getting comfortable with global tech. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:45 | CathyMere



My district has a subscription to Tumble Books - lots of great stories #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:45 | CYarzy



@stalsbergm #1stchat on the take-a-break I start with them making the choice and self-monitor, if it continues it becomes mine

18-Jul-11 00:45 | teach1tech



@GRADE1 have you set up daily5 math? Use daily5 during reading block and had much success #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:45 | ShLoeMaurer



@teach1tech @CYarzy I'd love to use Symbaloo, esp during Daily 5 time but it's blocked at school! :(Will have to look at 3x3 site. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:45 | Komos72



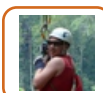
For those that use a "take a break" spot, do u monitor the length of the break time, or does the student? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:44 | Stalsbergm



@teach1tech #1stchat I often do something like that as well. Every first day is different.

18-Jul-11 00:44 | kathycassidy



@CathyMere #1stchat I also read pic books with kids, but use this as more of a global connection

18-Jul-11 00:44 | teach1tech



@teach1tech Great idea :) #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:44 | CYarzy



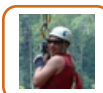
@Komos72 @CathyMere A Gr. 2 teacher at my school uses Shutterfly too, & loves that it's secure! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:43 | Grade1



@teach1tech I wish global read aloud had picture book event. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:43 | CathyMere



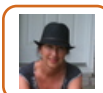
@CYarzy #1stchat similar to symbaloo is 3x3links.com

18-Jul-11 00:42 | teach1tech



@burr1stgrade Thanks so much for joining us!! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:42 | CYarzy



Need to go...my little boy needs to snuggle! Night all! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:41 | burris1stgrade



On the first day, I like to build excitement about what we will do that year. One of the ways is talking about 100th day of school. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:41 | kathyassidy



@CYarzy most parents do my school provides comps n various places n school. Last year 100% of fams had access. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:41 | LNPG7



@teach1tech Awesome - thanks for sharing #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:41 | CYarzy



@Komos72 class blog on shutterfly. Kids provide content on Fridays. Switching to g sites this yr. Hoping more families comment. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:41 | jenn_dare



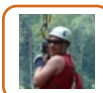
@MBouchard01 @SLGaudet A schedule's a great idea! I do this too! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:41 | Grade1



@MBouchard01 Safe Place is an area in classroom with bean bag or comfy chair where kids go when upset/tearful & need time/space #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:41 | valruckes



Global read Aloud proj, starts mid Sept, which I am going to try this year <http://bit.ly/rn3XsC> K-3 book is Flat Stanley in Space #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:40 | teach1tech



@Komos72 I use Shutterfly and update as appropriate. Let's me share pics, links, etc., but can keep secure. #1stchat. Auto emails parents.

18-Jul-11 00:40 | CathyMere



@SLGaudet This helps a lot, as students support each other. Still keep grades separate though. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:40 | Grade1



@SLGaudet I also mix my strong & weak students & work on strategies in Guided Reading: same strategies, different books. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:40 | Grade1



@SLGaudet @Grade1 I use a schedule so I am sure to meet with them about their goals. They look forward to the mtg. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:40 | MBouchard01



I'm planning to update weekly through the class blog. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:40 | Stalsbergm



Parents should always feel like we're a team. I love parent volunteers and let them plan all of my parties. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:40 | burris1stgrade



@Komos72 I do a daily blog post that features different things we learned that day. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:39 | jillfisch



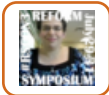
@Komos72 I send home newsletters every other week - also post them on my wiki #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:38 | CYarzy



@CYarzy welcome Wednesday is before morning meeting. Right when kids arrive. Having it often gives all parents a chance to come #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:38 | LNPG7



@SLGaudet Last year, my 1/2 split happened at the end of September. I'm still working on September right now. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:38 | Grade1



@jillfisch I LOVE your idea of Listening conferences! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:38 | kathycassidy



@SLGaudet I use the Daily 5 format for Literacy centres, & then work in a guided centre too. I start simple. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:38 | Grade1



Curious... do you send weekly newsletter? Class wiki? How do you communicate what you're learning? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:38 | Komos72



@CYarzy #1stchat mystery skype would be interesting later in fall. Love to try that!

18-Jul-11 00:38 | crtwojtera



Just so important that we help parents feel comfortable and welcome right away. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:38 | teach1quilt2



@LNPG7 Do all your kiddos have computers at home? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:38 | CYarzy



@CYarzy i had same problem this year. I think starting immediately will hlp. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:37 | LNPG7



@SLGaudet I integrate all Science, SS, and the Arts. Gives me more time to work with small groups too! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:37 | Grade1



@LNPG7 @burris1stgrade Wow that is a great idea! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:37 | MBouchard01



@LNPG7 I agree! They must join! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:37 | CYarzy



@SLGaudet I've also gone through the curriculum, & see overlaps. I use this to design my mini-lessons. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:37 | Grade1



@burris1stgrade I try to pick a time, & stick to it. Doesn't always work, but I try. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:35 | Grade1



@burris1stgrade @CYarzy That's what I try to do. It helps! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:35 | Grade1



I also take photo pics on the first day which are great to use on your Cafe strategy board if doing #Daily5/CAFE #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:35 | valruckes



@ClaudRu I think that's a great idea! Sure parents appreciate the constant updates. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:35 | Grade1



@LNPG7 Love that idea! So you do various activities before/during the day? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:34 | CYarzy



@CYarzy Yes, great way to practice speaking. I invite families to presentations. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:34 | MBouchard01



@CYarzy I do too! I try to find out from parents the best way to communicate. I go with a preferred method. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:34 | Grade1



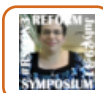
@CYarzy Yes! I do Me Collages. Love using photographs, illustrations, and found objects. Great mm focus in first weeks. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:34 | jenn_dare



I hve welcome Wednesday every other weds w/ fams.Sometimes share kids work, hve fam brkfst or parents just ply w/ kids in centers. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:34 | LNPG7



@SLGaudet I teach a 1/2 split. It's my second year doing so. What info are you looking for? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:33 | Grade1



@Grade1 Great idea! I have the parents mails and connstantlysend them information about the kids, specially the first week #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:33 | ClaudRu



@valruckes @CYarzy I take pics of families @ Open House. Have them hanging 1st day. Comfort 4 students & helps me w fam names/face. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:33 | CathyMere



@Grade1 I have a lot of ELL kiddos - often hard to communicate #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:33 | CYarzy



@burris1stgrade They do,& I tweet good news. I also email,do website updates,& make phone calls too. I think variety is important. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:33 | Grade1



@burris1stgrade So awesome to have parents write the kids a letter for 1st day - going to do that for sure. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:32 | teach1quilt2



Do you have your parents follow on Twitter? You could tweet good news about the kids so that you don't have to make phone calls. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:31 | burris1stgrade



RT @CBClistener: @CYarzy I bring in items over several days and have them "infer" what it tells them about me #1stchat They do same and we infer and write

18-Jul-11 00:31 | teach1tech



@CBClistener @CYarzy Ooooh! I love that!! Great way to intro "inferring!" #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:31 | Komos72



@CathyMere @LNPG7 Ish is one of my favourite books too! Love reading it at the beginning of the year! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:31 | Grade1



Do you do All About Me posters? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:31 | CYarzy



Nice! RT @teach1tech: @S_Getting an old friend told me to always share 2 positives at beginning #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:30 | S_Getting



Oh, that's a great rule! -> RT @S_Getting: Actually, my rule is 1 "consequence" call requires 2 + calls to equalize. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:30 | Grade1



@LNPG7: I like to read Ish sometime in the beginning of the year along with son of the other books mentioned. #1stchat <-- Me too!

18-Jul-11 00:30 | CathyMere



@CYarzy I bring in items over several days and have them "infer" what it tells them about me #1stchat They do same and we infer and write

18-Jul-11 00:30 | CBClistener



@MBouchard01 I do that too - they love looking at that again at the end of the year #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:30 | CYarzy



I also have parents bring all kids supplies to parent mtg. They write their child a letter so they have mail the 1st day. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:30 | burris1stgrade



@CYarzy I think it's important to have this "partnership atmosphere." #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:30 | Grade1



@LNPG7 I take ea child's pic and then have them finish the sentence On the first day of school I felt. Great keepsake. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:29 | MBouchard01



@CYarzy Not necessarily into the room, but I do have some parent volunteers. I share the room with them through videos, blogs, etc. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:29 | Grade1



I send *happy emails* as well as emails telling about a bad day or when something needs a parents' attention. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:29 | burris1stgrade



@S_Getting Great rule to go by! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:28 | CYarzy



Actually, my rule is 1 "consequence" call requires 2 + calls to equalize. RT @CYarzy: @Grade1 I need to call home more often #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:28 | S_Getting



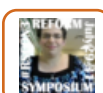
Yay! Love these ideas. Setting personal goals as I read. :) #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:28 | teach1quilt2



@Grade1 Do you often invite parents into your room? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:28 | CYarzy



@S_Getting I think that checking in is so important! I learn a lot talking to parents & make some great connections too! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:27 | Grade1



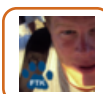
I like to read Ish sometime in the beginning of the year along with son of the other books mentioned. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:27 | LNP7



RT @burr1stgrade: I like showing "hey, we were all 6 at one time or another ;) . #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:27 | teach1tech



@CYarzy Me too, I think I'm going to set a goal about total number/week that I'll try to stick to. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:27 | Kyle_simon



@CYarzy I really like good news phone calls! I try to call all parents every week or every other week. Really helps with connections! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:27 | Grade1



I also try to call each family once per trimester to check in. RT @Grade1: Always call each parent on the evening of the 1st day #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:27 | S_Getting



@valruckes I love this! I'm sure it makes them feel better on the first few days of school! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:26 | CYarzy



I send a letter in the summer with a pic of me when I was 6. I send homework for the parents to bring to our meeting before school. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:26 | burris1stgrade



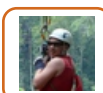
@MBouchard01 They do, and I love giving them this opportunity too! I learn a lot! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:26 | Grade1



@Grade1 I need to call home more often with positive things to say! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:26 | CYarzy



RT @teach1quilt2: I also ask for positive sayings or expressions that are meaningful to families, and then we post those in our classroom. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:26 | teach1tech



@suzruns2 That's a great thing to include too! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:25 | Grade1



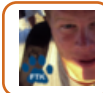
@Kyle_simon YAY! Welcome, Kyle! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:25 | CYarzy



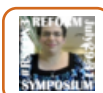
@S_Getting I also post my handbook on my site - didn't print it out this past year. Trying to "go green" #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:24 | CYarzy



@teach1quilt2 What do you do when you get their response? #1stchat (I'm here @CYarzy)

18-Jul-11 00:24 | Kyle_simon



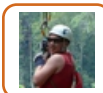
@teach1tech I think that's great! Many of my students come on the bus, so I don't see parents each day. A letter works well! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:24 | Grade1



@teach1quilt2 A hopes and dreams letter is a great idea! I might add that to my letter too. Thanks for sharing! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:23 | Grade1



@Grade1 #1stchat I like it because it has parents think about how their kids learn and allows them to pass along info to me w/o long convo

18-Jul-11 00:23 | teach1tech



I send home the ABC's of #1stchat as a part of my welcome info.

18-Jul-11 00:23 | valruckes



@Grade1 I also send letter home to kids in August, and ask parents to share hopes and dreams for child for year. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:23 | teach1quilt2



I had parents fill out a google doc survey with their contact information last year #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:23 | CYarzy



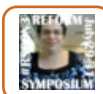
First Grade Stinks is a read aloud I like in beginning. Helps with transition from K to 1st, esp with new teachers and friends #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:23 | jenn_dare



@jillfisch I love this idea - will def try it out this year #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:23 | CYarzy



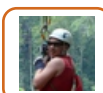
@teach1tech An intro survey is a great idea too! I like some way of finding out more about students. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:23 | Grade1



@CYarzy that's why I love looping. I don't do it at my school but at a previous school 2/3 loop #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:22 | LNPG7



@Grade1 #1stchat I do an intro survey with parents and kids to give them opport. to tell or share things they want me to know.

18-Jul-11 00:22 | teach1tech



#1stchat We use a lot of song books to start: 5 little monkeys, Mary wore her red dress, peanut butter and jelly. Lots of rhythm and rhyme

18-Jul-11 00:21 | crtwojtera



Last year, parents wrote me a letter (1000 words or less) on anything they wanted me to know about their child (not in the OSR). #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:21 | Grade1



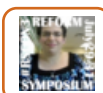
I like having the students create word clouds/wordles to describe themselves. Great to hang up around the room #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:21 | CYarzy



Don't forget to check for online cpns! RT @jenn_dare: @S_Getting Love that idea, especially with magnet. Thanks for link! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:21 | S_Getting



@CYarzy Thanks! Glad you liked it! Did this for past 2 years. Has worked really well! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:21 | Grade1



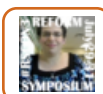
@Grade1 Love it - thanks for sharing #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:20 | CYarzy



@CYarzy Love The Recess Queen, Wemberly Worried, Officer Buckle and Gloria, Hunter and Stripe, Yoko, My Name is Yoon #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:20 | CathyMere



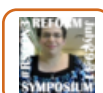
Here's an activity I send to students in the summer. Great for 1st independent reading centre. <http://bit.ly/pEZVIY> #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:19 | Grade1



The Meanies Came to School is a great starter for convos on class rules/promise to each other. Joy Cowley, fun shared read. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:19 | Komos72



@CYarzy It's been a big bonus ... that's for sure! I don't have all of them, but many. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:19 | Grade1



Agreed! Takes some getting used to! RT @CYarzy: @S_Getting they come to us as "babies" and grow up so fast! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:18 | S_Getting



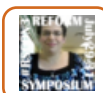
@Grade1 I would love to have my classes for a few years at a time. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:18 | CYarzy



@S_Getting Love that idea, especially with magnet. Thanks for link! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:18 | jenn_dare



@Komos72 @CYarzy That sounds perfect! An LCD Projector would work. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:18 | Grade1



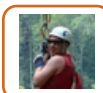
#1stchat We start with morning meeting, just using each other's name in greetings, etc. Av. class size is about 20-21.

18-Jul-11 00:18 | crtwojtera



walking around the school; ever had a group that couldn't do it? Have them hold on to a rope! to stay straight and together! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:17 | S_Getting



@CYarzy #1stchat Oh' the places You'll go!! I read 1st and last day and talk about choices and paths! They choose their adventure!

18-Jul-11 00:16 | teach1tech



@S_Getting it's on my summer read list #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:16 | LNP7



We start our year with "Listening conferences" where the parents come in before school starts to tell us all about their child. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:16 | jillfish



What are books that you use with your kids during the first week? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:16 | CYarzy



@Grade1 Wow - that's awesome #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:16 | CYarzy



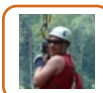
@Komos72 @CYarzy I have 4-5 students work on blogging at a time. Also use the iP*ds & iP@ds. Show how to use them too. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:15 | Grade1



@CYarzy have kids just bring one thing. Will cut down on time but still give kids a chance to share a part of them #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:15 | LNP7



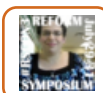
#1stchat another thing I do immediately in first morning is we walk and tour the school (show where older sib's rms are/intro new students)

18-Jul-11 00:15 | teach1tech



@valruckes I'm sure your kids love that! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:15 | CYarzy



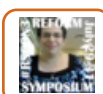
@Komos72 @CYarzy I start with blogs. Model how to do a post on the SMART Board. Think of a simple post topic. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:15 | Grade1



I have a short power point presentation of myself doing things I enjoy as a part of our getting to know each other #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:14 | valruckes



@CYarzy I have taught many of my students before, so that helps. I've been involved in "looping." #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:14 | Grade1



We just started a meet the teacher night before school even starts...then back to school in october #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:14 | CYarzy



@teach1tech Great idea to use pics. Want kids to hear names spoken as many times as possible 1st day so focus on in morning meeting #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:14 | teach1quilt2



@brooker1015 love that idea - I usually have parents write me a letter about their kiddo #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:13 | CYarzy



27 RT @CYarzy: @teach1tech Whats your average class size? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:13 | S_Getting



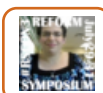
We talk about Forever Books. I bring in my all time favorite books and over the first week, the kids bring in theirs. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:13 | Komos72



@teach1tech Whats your average class size? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:13 | CYarzy



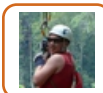
@CYarzy I'm probably going to be very unpopular when I say that I don't do many "get to know you" activities. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:13 | Grade1



@CYarzy #1stchat voicethread makes a great 1st day tool. Everyone shares around smartboard computer- beg sounds, or some early lit concept.

18-Jul-11 00:12 | crtwojtera



#1stchat then I select a student of the day until everyone has an opportunity to talk more of themselves. "easier" w/ small numbers

18-Jul-11 00:12 | teach1tech



@CYarzy @Grade1 I love that idea of introducing tech right off the bat. How do you start? We have very limited tech in room. :(#1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:12 | Komos72



Kids create hopes + dreams for the yr. I sent a diecut home 4 parents to write their hopes + dreams & bring to open house. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:12 | brooker1015



What are some other "get to know you" activities that you use? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:12 | CYarzy



@S_Getting love that idea #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:12 | LNPG7



Emphasizing that pencils , markers, rulers, etc are tools not toys is imp #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:12 | valruckes



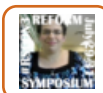
start w/ a morning meet where I share pics of myself and tell them about me! Most know me as they were in same wing in K, but more #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:12 | teach1tech



@LNPG7 I usually do a me bag too - usually takes us awhile to get through everyone #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:12 | CYarzy



@CYarzy Absolutely!! The earlier, the better! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:11 | Grade1



@CYarzy I do: students were blogging by day 2. Think you need to introduce the tools & show how to use for learning. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:10 | Grade1



#1stchat I like to have a stack of books and a stack of movement/music activities ready. Meld that w/routine, & school-wide discipline expt

18-Jul-11 00:10 | crtwojtera



@CYarzy tricky=have them save 3 sharp pencils, glue, colored pencils and markers in their pencil box.. I Stock pile the rest! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:10 | teach1tech



@teach1quilt2 I usually read the David books the first week to talk about rules in school #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:10 | CYarzy



Intoast 2 years, I've had parents & kids help w/supplies at Open House right before school starts. Helps ease stress on first day. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:10 | Komos72



@CYarzy This year, I have most of my preps in the morning, so that may change things. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:09 | Grade1



I begin our first day with intro of our morning meeting. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:09 | teach1quilt2



Do you use technology right off the bat at the beginning of the school year? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:09 | CYarzy



@CYarzy I start with a writing activity, then literacy centres, then shared reading, & then a read aloud. It's all literacy. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:09 | Grade1



@CYarzy #1stchat all the big supplies that I can stick in cabinets I do myself

18-Jul-11 00:09 | teach1tech



Establishing community is imp right away especially community supplies #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:09 | valruckes



@S_Getting Great idea! Love it! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:08 | CYarzy



I order business cards with contact info/website, etc. and put a magnet on the back! <http://bit.ly/aKEcD> #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:08 | S_Getting



@valruckes I use starfall all the time throughout the year #1stchat - it's the first site they can use at center time #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:08 | CYarzy



@teach1tech What's the trickier stuff? haha #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:08 | CYarzy



@CYarzy Yes, there is an extensive list of supplies. PTA offers a package deal for most of it to keep the cost down. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:06 | Komos72



@CYarzy I love that idea too. I need to do a better job getting parents on board. Details. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:06 | LNPG7



My district provides all supplies - they bring backpacks and lunch boxes #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:06 | CYarzy



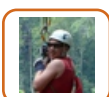
@CYarzy Yes, the book is suggested in welcome letter sent prior to first day #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:06 | valruckes



@Grade1 How do you do calendar routine in your room? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:06 | CYarzy



We have an open house when kids bring in all their supplies b4 first day, then I sort the trickier stuff! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:05 | teach1tech



@Komos72 Do the kiddos have to bring their own supplies? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:05 | CYarzy



@CYarzy I try to think of the major routines. Figure out a way to get started while also getting to know the students. #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:05 | Grade1



@CYarzy Oooh, tell me more! I like the sound of that! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:05 | Komos72



I'm thinking about holding a tech back to school night this year before school even starts. Get parents on board #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:04 | CYarzy



@valruckes Do you send out letters before the first day? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:04 | CYarzy



Managing supplies always seems to be a huge part of the first day! haha! #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:03 | Komos72



I ask kids to share their favorite book as a first day activity #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:03 | valruckes



@teach1tech I think I already filled it out. Oops! Is there a way to check? #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:02 | Komos72



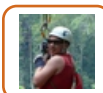
I know no one wants to think about 'back to school' quite yet - but would love to know how you prep for your first day #1stchat

18-Jul-11 00:02 | CYarzy



RT @teach1tech: participating in #1stchat ? If you haven't already, don't forget to fill out this short get-2-know-ya survey so we can connect w/ 1 another

17-Jul-11 23:55 | CYarzy



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17-Jul-11 23:52 | teach1tech



It's almost time! MT@CYarzy: #1stchat is at 8:00 EST! Talking about back to school activities/strategies/tools <http://t.co/UjMqLzX> #1stchat

17-Jul-11 23:50 | Komos72



#1stchat is at 8:00! Don't miss it! Talking about back to school activities/strategies/tools :) <http://t.co/UjMqLzX>

17-Jul-11 23:25 | CYarzy



Excited about joining #1stchat tonight.

17-Jul-11 22:59 | valruckes



@CYarzy thanks for invite. I'll see you there. What's the topic? #1stchat

17-Jul-11 22:06 | LNPG7



@LNPG7 Join us for #1stchat tonight!! 8:00 EST!

17-Jul-11 21:58 | CYarzy



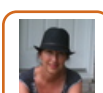
@wiley1 Hope you'll join us tonight for #1stchat!

17-Jul-11 21:56 | CYarzy



RT @cybraryman1: #1stchat page! <http://tinyurl.com/3mg8anv>
First chat for #1stchat today at 8:00pm EST <http://tinyurl.com/3j4fshr>

17-Jul-11 21:43 | CYarzy



RT @kbkconnected: Photo: Word Magnets...make your own. Great center idea! #elemchat #spedchat #1stchat
There are two free... <http://tumblr.com/xtl3jv1ykn>

17-Jul-11 19:25 | burris1stgrade



My mind is all over the place today!! Just posted one thought on the 1st grade wiki... <http://ow.ly/1uleat> . TIA for your ideas! #1stchat

17-Jul-11 19:15 | Komos72



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17-Jul-11 19:09 | kbkconnected



RT @kbkconnected: Photo: Bottle-top Words #elemchat #1stchat I love these because it makes working with...
<http://tumblr.com/xtl3jswo01>

17-Jul-11 18:31 | teach1tech



Photo: Bottle-top Words #elemchat #spedchat #1stchat #literacy I love these because it makes working with...
<http://tumblr.com/xtl3jswo01>

17-Jul-11 17:08 | kbkconnected



YAY!!! :) RT@CYarzy: #1stchat tonight at 8pm EST! We are talking about back to school tools/strategies/ideas
<http://t.co/ngdrK1d>

17-Jul-11 16:41 | Komos72



RT @CYarzy: Tonight's our first #1stchat! All are welcome! 8pm EST <http://t.co/UjMqLzX>

17-Jul-11 12:50 | jillfisch



RT @cybraryman1: #1stchat page! <http://tinyurl.com/3mg8anv>
First chat for #1stchat today at 8:00pm EST <http://tinyurl.com/3j4fshr>

17-Jul-11 12:45 | Grade1



#1stchat page! <http://tinyurl.com/3mg8anv>
First chat for #1stchat today at 8:00pm EST <http://tinyurl.com/3j4fshr>

17-Jul-11 12:44 | cybraryman1



RT @CYarzy: Tonight's our first #1stchat! All are welcome! 8pm EST <http://t.co/UjMqLzX>

17-Jul-11 12:05 | padgets



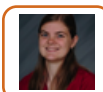
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17-Jul-11 11:59 | CYarzy



Sunday Chats: #gtie #ageduchat #blogchat #titletalk #ecosys #1stchat My Ed Chats page: <http://bit.ly/drYysm>

17-Jul-11 11:43 | cybraryman1



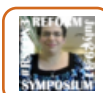
FREE Educational Reading Games for Kids <http://t.co/A3XjlzF> This looks like a great site for K-2 students.
#1stchat #2ndchat

17-Jul-11 04:12 | lerickso



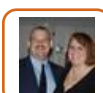
RT @CYarzy: Thanks everyone for voting! So excited for #1stchat! Our first topic: Beginning of the year
ideas/tools/strategies! <http://t.co/UjMqLzX>

17-Jul-11 03:56 | meairy



RT @CYarzy: Thanks everyone for voting! So excited for #1stchat! Our first topic: Beginning of the year
ideas/tools/strategies! <http://t.co/UjMqLzX>

17-Jul-11 03:11 | Grade1



Please help,so close only \$53 away!! <http://t.co/jgBBDts> via @donorschoose #edchat #elemchat #2ndchat
#1stchat #mathchat

16-Jul-11 23:12 | Heathrb25