

## **Making Connections with Technology: Technology in the Early Childhood Classroom**

Technology is an important factor in supporting 21<sup>st</sup> century skills for both teachers and children. The need for this series was identified from the statewide ELLCO (Early Language and Literacy Tool Classroom Observation) data. Districts and teachers have also reported an increased need for support in the area of technology in the preschool classroom.

This Professional Learning Community (PLC) will provide a comprehensive training and discussion for educators interested in developing a deeper understanding of and comfort in how to integrate technology into the early childhood classroom. Topics will include: practices and teaching techniques using technology, using technology to communicate with others, strategies for documenting children's learning, and creating materials and productivity in the early childhood classroom.

Participants will be able to:

- Understand and build comfort with personal use of technology
- Design instruction that utilizes technology to support all children
- Engineer the classroom environment with technology in mind

Teachers need to learn how to utilize technology to engage children in learning activities that can support all children and engage in successful outcomes for young children. This PLC provides opportunities to work with a variety of resources including relevant technologies, research articles and the web. **This PLC will involve participants in an EC Technology WIKI in order to engage in discussions, develop resources, document participants learning and interact with new materials.**

Visit the WIKI at <http://sites.google.com/site/preschooltech/resources>

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