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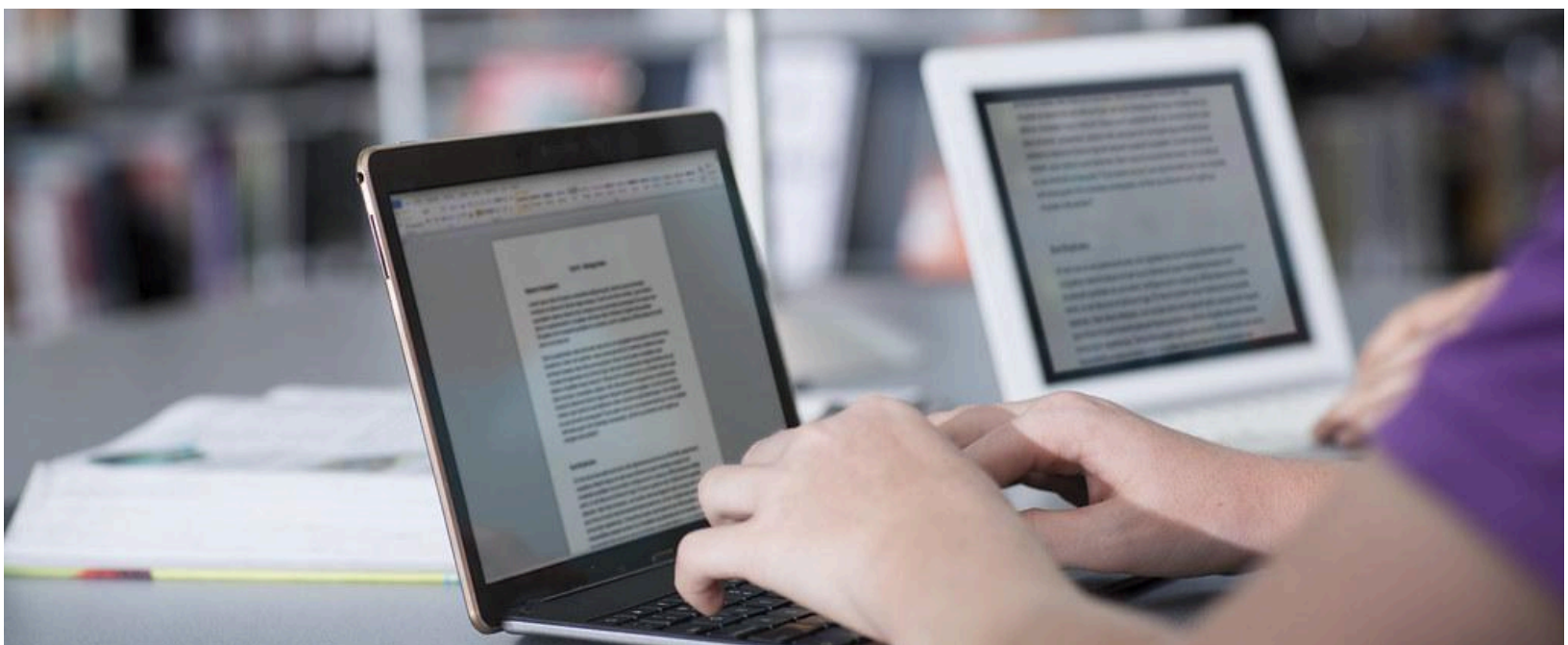
# EdTech Tips & Tricks

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~Unni Korothe



## Nearpod

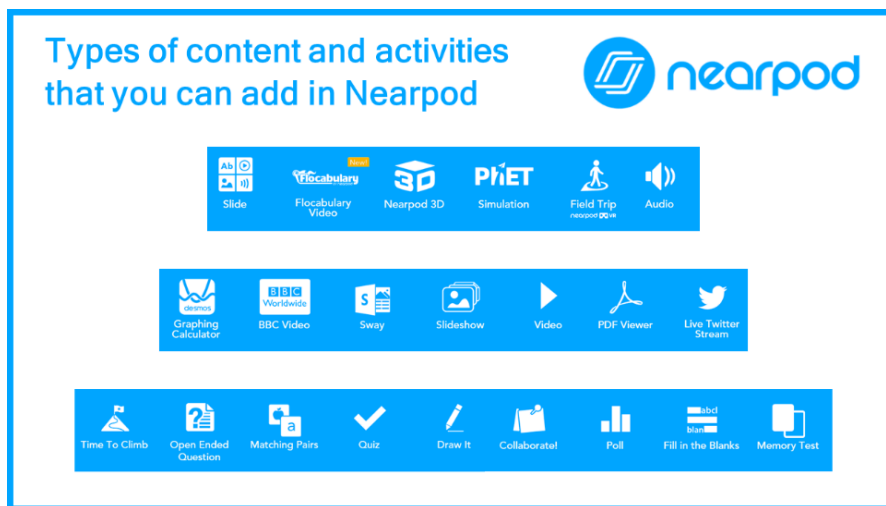
In our last EdTech Playground, we explored Nearpod, a platform that has “[engaging media and formative assessments to make every lesson interactive](#).” Even with the free version, there is an overwhelming amount of resources! Nearpod touts 7,500+ pre-made interactive lessons, and you have the ability to filter by standard, topic, grade level, or if you are looking for a lesson, activity, or video. Talk about a timesaver! There are resources that have been created by Nearpod or other teachers and you can use these ready-made resources free of charge. 🙌

However, we have so many tools available to us, so as I thought about how and why to use Nearpod, these three ideas stuck out to me:

- It's a great asynchronous activity. (Could it be the perfect sub plan? 🤔)
- Ability to create individualized activities (student-paced Google Classroom assignment assigned to specific students) using CFA data (or your own observational data).
- It's something different. 🤖 (We need a little novelty now and again!)

We are a week away from Spring Break, and I know motivation can be a struggle for students and teachers. Nearpod has some wonderful resources like virtual field trips and educational games (you have to try [Time to Climb!](#)) to spice things up. Plus, Nearpod gives a report at the end of each lesson so that you don't have to spend time grading student responses to modify instruction according to student performance.

Unni Korothe, EdTech entrepreneur and cofounder & former CEO of Foradian Technologies, said, "Equipping teachers with technology that will automate the boring work will enhance education and make it more powerful. Teachers can spend more quality time on what they are good at—i.e., teaching." I think Nearpod can help us do just that. Check it out and let me know what you think.



## Resource Repository

[GISD's Teacher Tutorials](#) started by [Candace Buchanan](#) and updated by us :-)

[GISD's EdTech Tips & Tricks Site](#)

[Nearpod: A Whole New World for Distance Learning](#) by [KC Testerman](#)

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