My Technology Philosophy

In my future classroom, technology will be a big part of my curriculum. I believe that technology is something that should not be feared, and my goal is to familiarize my students with technology, so they are ready to engage with technology in the future. This being said, we still need to have respect for technology. I will have very strict rules set in place when we use technology in the classroom because online safety is a top priority for me. These will be things like no inappropriate searching on Google or YouTube.

Access to technology will be a privilege in my classroom, not a right. Technology access can be revoked, use of laptops or iPads at desks, if the student breaks our technology safety protocol. I will have alternative versions of assignments that students can complete on paper. Use of technology can be earned back through a "parole" period; however, if the safety protocol is violated again, we will consider taking away technology privileges completely.

Technology is something that should be used to enhance teaching, and it should never take its place. Technology is a useful resource but it is not a crutch. I will still teach lessons in a traditional sense, but technology will be used to redefine projects and assignments. For example, instead of having students use a poster for a presentation, students can choose to write a song or make a short film about a subject. Being able to use technology is a vital part of working and living in America today, so it makes sense to use technology in school.