

## **Digital Tools to Engage Students at Panaga School!**

If you're looking for **engaging and interactive ways to enhance learning**, here are **four fantastic digital tools** that can help bring creativity, fluency, and deeper understanding into your lessons.

### **Canva – Create Stunning Visuals & Videos**

Canva is an **easy-to-use design tool** that allows you to create posters, presentations, and **videos** to engage students and share learning with parents.

Here are some ways you can use Canva in your lessons:

- ✓ **Create visually appealing lesson slides** – Design eye-catching presentations that make key concepts stand out.
  - ✓ **Encourage student-led presentations** – Let students create their own topic summaries using templates.
  - ✓ **Design classroom displays & infographics** – Help reinforce learning with bold visuals.
  - ✓ **Set creative assignments** – Students can make digital comic strips, timelines, or posters.
  - ✓ **Use Canva Videos** – Record **student reflections, project explanations, or lesson highlights** and share them with parents to showcase learning.
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### **Polypad.org: A Math Playground**

Polypad provides **interactive mathematical manipulatives**, making abstract concepts more tangible for students.

Here are some ways to incorporate Polypad into your maths lessons:

- ✓ **Explore fractions and decimals** – Use fraction bars to help students visualize parts of a whole.
  - ✓ **Teach geometry and symmetry** – Shape tiles allow students to experiment with transformations and tessellations.
  - ✓ **Run probability experiments** – Simulate dice rolls and probability scenarios in a hands-on way.
  - ✓ **Support algebraic understanding** – Algebra tiles can help students solve equations visually.
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## [Fluency by Amplify](#) – Build Math Fluency

Fluency by Amplify is a **math fluency platform** designed to help students develop **automatic recall of key number facts**. It provides engaging, adaptive practice to support mental maths.

Ways you can use Fluency in your lessons:

- ✓ **Daily math warm-ups** – Start lessons with quick fluency drills to build number confidence.
  - ✓ **Personalized practice** – Adaptive exercises adjust to each student's ability level.
  - ✓ **Fact fluency challenges** – Gamified activities make fluency practice fun and engaging.
  - ✓ **Small group interventions** – Identify and support students who need targeted fluency practice.
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## Using Canva Videos to Share Learning with Parents

Canva's video tools allow you to **record, edit, and share student work** in a creative way.

Here are some ways to use Canva Videos:

- ✓ **Student project explanations** – Get students to present their work and learning journey.
  - ✓ **Lesson highlights** – Create short videos summarizing key learning moments.
  - ✓ **Parent communication** – Share classroom events, student achievements, or digital newsletters to keep parents informed and engaged.
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These tools are **free, easy to use, and highly effective** for making lessons more engaging. Try them out and see how they can **enhance student understanding, increase participation, and improve home-school communication!**

For **more great ideas and training resources**, check out my website: [Technology for Schools](#).

If you're already using any of these tools, I'd love to hear how! Let's share ideas and best practices.

Happy teaching!

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