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Creative Ways to Help Students Review Content - 327

In this episode, I share practical study tips and EdTech tools that help students build strong study habits and take charge of their learning. You'll also hear strategies for using AI-powered resources and interactive digital platforms to make studying more engaging and effective. Tune into this episode and learn how to best help students review essential topics and develop lifelong learning skills!

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Introduction

Hello there, and welcome to today's episode of the Easy EdTech podcast. My name is Monica Burns, and I am so glad you're here to join me today. If you want to make the most of education technology, AKA EdTech, you are in the right place. My goal has always been to help make EdTech easier and give you ideas to try yourself, share with a colleague, or bookmark for later in the school year.

Every Tuesday on the Easy EdTech podcast, you'll hear stories from my time in the classroom, my work with schools and districts, and my travels to different EdTech events. Get ready for solo episodes where I share some quick tips, stories, and interviews full of practical ideas and stories from new guests each month. If we mention something you'd like to check out, make sure to click the link. You'll find it in the episode description or the summary area where you're listening to this podcast, or you can find every episode and all of the resources we mention by going to EasyEdTechPodcast.com or by going to classtechtips.com and just clicking on the Easy EdTech Podcast button at the top of the page.

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Today's Intro

This week's episode is titled: "Creative Ways to Help Students Review Content" and I'm bringing this episode to you in the summertime, because we often think of reviewing material or helping kids review material when we approach the end of a unit of study, but it can be so valuable to start a new unit of study with this in mind. It can save you time by helping you think about ways to set up students for success right from the jump. So if you're planning the first or second unit of the new school year, I hope this episode feels like it's hitting your Spotify or Apple Podcast feed at just the right time!

Teaching students effective study tips can help them become independent, lifelong learners. When students know how to organize their learning, review material efficiently, and make the most of EdTech tools, they gain confidence in their abilities and build plenty of independence. Introducing study tips for students can help kids of all ages take charge of their learning. It can make it easier for them to retain information and apply their knowledge in different situations.

EdTech tools provide students with innovative ways to practice and reinforce learning. Whether they are preparing for a test, working on a long-term project, or reviewing essential concepts, digital tools can help make studying more interactive and engaging.

In today's episode, I share a handful of strategies and study tips for students. You can build these into daily <u>classroom routines</u> or make recommendations to students so they have something to explore outside of the classroom.

Helping students develop study strategies benefits them in all subjects and grade levels. As you introduce different study tips for students, you can pick and choose what is the best fit for your group.

What does this look like in different classrooms?

In a science classroom, students can use digital flashcards to review key terms before a <u>quiz</u>. In social studies, your students might create AI-generated visuals to help them better understand historical events. Math students can practice problem-solving by using <u>chatbots</u> to break down the steps on how to solve a problem or answer questions they have with step-by-step explanations. Students in an English Language Arts classroom can reinforce vocabulary through interactive readers' theater activities. The possibilities are certainly endless, particularly when we bring AI into the conversation.

Let's jump into my list of Study Tips for Students!

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The strategies I spotlight today are designed to prepare students not only for assessments but also for future learning experiences. Whether it's part of their college or career journey, there are times when the students in your classroom now may need to learn something new in the future.

On today's list, I have a handful of practical ways to integrate study strategies into the classroom using EdTech tools. Of course, you can substitute many of the EdTech tool suggestions that I make with your own favorite tools or ones that your students are already familiar with using.

Make a Vocabulary Journal

Use <u>Book Creator</u> to develop a vocabulary journal by taking advantage of one of <u>their</u> <u>remixable books</u>. Students can create a digital glossary with definitions, images, and example sentences to reinforce their understanding of key terms.

Create Flashcards for Review

Use <u>Knowt</u> to generate personalized flashcards for study sessions. I had the chance to spend time with their team at the TCEA conference earlier this year, and I'm super impressed with this EdTech tool. Students can quiz themselves and track progress, making it easier to retain important information. For a limited time, you can use the code MONICA6 to get 6 months free of their Ultra Plan.

Use a Chatbot as a Tutor

Ask a chatbot like <u>ChatGPT</u> to explain challenging topics in detail. You can share summaries with students. Alternatively, if they are using a student-friendly chatbot, they can engage in a back-and-forth conversation to clarify concepts and reinforce learning.

Check out my free ebook with more ways to use ChatGPT this school year by heading to http://classtechtips.com/chatgptbook or click the link in today's shownotes >>

Generate AI-Enhanced Images

Create <u>AI-generated images</u> using tools like Adobe Firefly's AI image generator to visualize abstract ideas. This helps students connect visual representations to key concepts for deeper comprehension. If they use the image generation feature in Adobe Express, they can practice their own prompt writing to see vocabulary words in action.

Develop Practice Activities

Ask a chatbot like <u>Gemini</u> to generate customized practice activities. For example, you might want to reinforce <u>vocabulary</u> or key terms. These exercises provide an engaging way for students to apply new terms in different contexts.

Act Out Key Concepts

Use <u>Perplexity Al</u> or another favorite chatbot to generate a <u>readers' theater</u> script for vocabulary practice. Acting out ideas through role-playing can help students internalize and recall information more effectively.

Make a Study Video

Students can use <u>Adobe Express</u> to create a short study video explaining vocabulary words or complex concepts. This strategy allows students to articulate their understanding creatively while reinforcing key learning points. I've led several workshops for the Adobe Education team in New York City this year, and Express is such a powerful tool for both teacher and student creators.

Listen to a Conversation on a Resource

Earlier this year on the blog, I mentioned <u>Illuminate</u> and how you could use this Google tool to bring content to life. You might decide to add an article students are reviewing to this platform and share the audio review it generates. I modeled this for a group of Colorado <u>educators at an event</u> outside of Denver this winter. It is wild to see what this free tool is capable of, and if it piques your interest, make sure to check out <u>NotebookLM</u>, too.

Create Visual Explanations

Introduce an EdTech tool like <u>Explain Everything</u>, where students can make step-by-step video walkthroughs of difficult concepts. Students may benefit from breaking down material in an engaging, structured way. Then, they can review the videos they create before an assessment.

So let's make this EdTech easy with some key points from the episode...

Use EdTech tools like digital flashcards and AI-generated images to reinforce learning. Encourage students to create study videos and vocabulary journals for deeper comprehension. Leverage chatbots as study assistants to explain concepts.

Generate practice activities like readers theaters to help students review content.

Remember, you can find the shownotes and the full list of resources from this episode on

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