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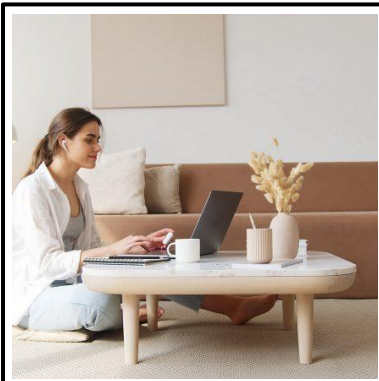
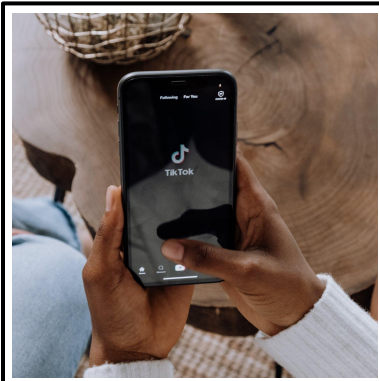
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Social Media in the Classroom

Throughout the course of the semester, a common theme discussed was the idea of social media and how it is used by our students, teachers and in our classrooms. Even though many of us use social media for our personal lives, most of us have not used it in our professional settings for multiple reasons such as, but not limited to: contractual obligations, fear of the unknown, student and parental consent, and more. We explored ways such as using TikTok for students to share their responses as a way to connect students to curriculum using social media. Check it out more [here](#).

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Cricut Update #1

Nothing like embarking on something new and learning a new skill! I am excited to pick up the skill of Cricut-ing, although I am quite nervous about the process as well. I have had a lot of help getting started from my dear friend, Kaytie, who has been a huge help! I'm looking into purchasing my own machine, so I have done some work comparing the different machines available. For now, I'll be using the school's purchased Cricut to ensure that I like it and that I can handle it. Check out the full read [here](#).

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Blogging and Twitter

Blogging is relatively new to me, as I only started my journey in January, but I feel like I have picked up a lot of tips and tricks and some good learning over the past few months. I may not be the best blogger in the world, or even getting paid to do it, but I feel as if I have given my learning a voice in a new way. I also have learned a ton about Twitter, especially how to use TweetDeck and Twitter chats. I am excited to continue my network building and connection making. Check out more [here](#).

#Twitter #TweetDeck #Learning #Reflecting #Networking
#Connecting #Voice #ReflectingDifferently #ShowingLearning

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Cricut Update #2

I spent some time planning out my CricutCraze learning, and tried to figure out what projects I would embark on. I attempted some cardstock cuttings, and chose a less than adequate font. However, I learned quickly, and adapted. I then cut my first vinyl and practiced weeding and transferring. After practicing for a bit, I used the rest of the time this week to do more research, learn, and figure out local places here in Regina to access and purchase Cricut merchandise. Check it out [here](#).

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TikTok

Although some of my peers such as Curtis and Leigh have jumped right on board, got their toes wet in TikTok and tried something new, I haven't jumped on that train yet. Have I used it in my learning project for research? Absolutely. But I haven't signed up for an account yet, and I'm still dragging my feet. Why? I'm not entirely sure, I guess principal, but I can see how it would engage students on a level they used to, while learning at the same time. Seems ideal. However, I have a lot more learning to do before then. You can check out more [here](#).

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Cricut Update #3

I think I've done a pretty good job at cutting vinyl, weeding and transferring it onto different projects. At this point, I've made four memory boxes personalized and internal milestone folders labeled, many name labels, and other types of labels too. I even redid the staff room board to clearly label kitchen duties, staff absences, supervisions to be covered, etc. I feel pretty good about my ability up to this point, but I need a plan going forward. What next? Find out more of my thoughts [here](#).

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Social Media Activism

Spending more time looking into social media activism was at the priority of today's learning. Although I learned that there are three levels of social media activism, I realized that I am pretty much at the basic level for a multitude of reasons. Would I like to be at a higher level of activism? Absolutely. But getting there can be super tricky. I for sure think that activism on social media is worthwhile and can be, as long as it is well thought out, applied well, and done with good intentions. If you're interested in learning more about my reasons, check it out [here](#).

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Open Education and Resources

Boy was I ever excited when Alec introduced me to OER, and couldn't wait to get my hands dirty and get some great resources in my teaching toolkit. Although there are plenty of great OER for higher education, and quite possibly secondary education, but it definitely is lacking for elementary schools. Could this be rectified with more people jumping on board and sharing their resources? I think so. But I'm not ready to get rid of my TPT account quite yet. Here's to spreading the word and getting resources developed, shared and more accessible to teachers. Anyone want to start up a Saskatchewan based OER? Check out more of my thoughts [here](#).

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#Reflecting #TPT #Understanding #New #HereWeGo #EC1831.

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Overall

What a journey this has been, and not to mention one tired mamma over here! It has been a speedy road of learning, but boy has it been worth it! I can truly say that I have been apart of an amazing team of colleagues and peers that have not only set the bars really high, but have been great learning assets and fundamental to my learning journey. It's quite a unique situation to have classmates bond so quickly, and remotely. Like we talked about in class, remote learning can be successful, and the meaning of face to face learning is and should be changing in today's world. Check more of my overall thoughts [here](#).

#KeepLearningKeepGrowing #Growth #Learning #Reflections
#SummarOfLearning #TryingSomethingNew #ECI831 #Hope

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Social Media: Classic Car Update

Just like every Instagram influencer out there, I had to make a car update. Although I was rushing to get to an appointment, I think I covered all my grounds on this one. Keep on checking in on Tech and The City for more Cricut Kelly updates, blogging tips and tricks and more! Looking forward to learning more and sharing it with y'all!

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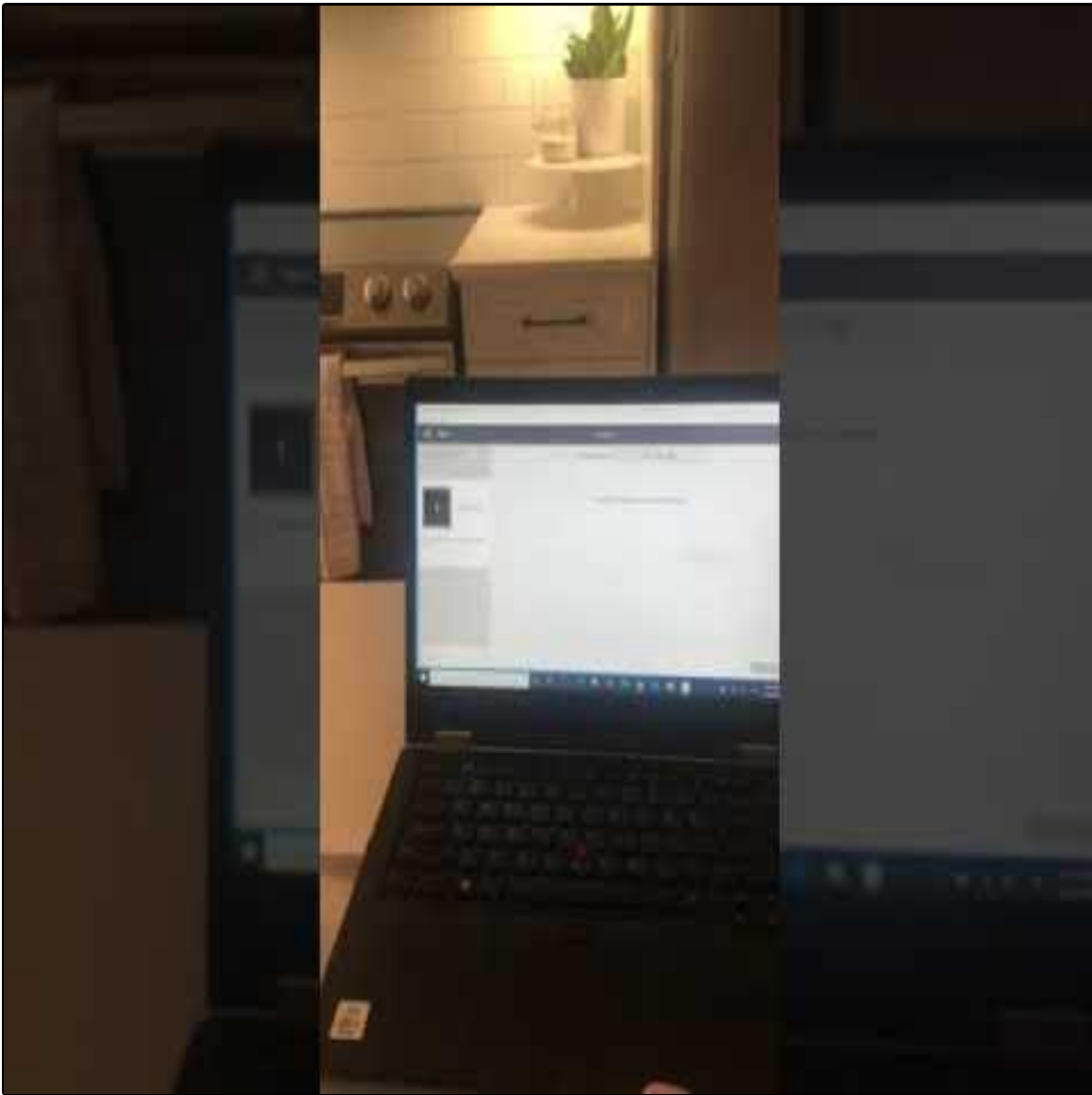
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Blogging & Twitter: Unveiling something new!

If you have been following along with Tech and The City you would know that I have been debating whether or not to buy a Cricut Easy Press for some time now. Not only did I have to borrow an iron from my sisters-in-law, I don't really even know how to use it properly! The Easy Press will save so much time, headspace and energy. Oh, and this little Easy Press **GUIDE** is perfect for taking the guessing out of creating and getting perfect results each time!

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Cricut Craze: A Quick Design Space Peek

Although Design Space can be pretty tricky to navigate when you are wanting to move quickly through it, it does work well when you get the hang of it. You have to keep in mind that it is a pretty basic program, but it serves a great purpose! And thank goodness for **Canva**. It has been a lifesaver to help me do a better job with editing pictures, and so much more! I can't even imagine life without Canva. It's such a great asset to educators, and to the Cricut world!

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Learning Together: **Curtis**' Inspiration

Learning together has been something that I have appreciated most about this course. When playing with the idea of diving deep into the Cricut world for my Learning Project, I was head over heels overwhelmed. I had no idea what was going on, or even what was going to happen. I truly thought this was going to be another project that ended up under the stairs, but with such great peers, I stuck with it and was given a ton of great ideas. Thanks to many of my peers and Curtis was suggesting I create a t-shirt of some kind. Curtis, I feel like I can make a pretty darn good apron now!

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