

# Focus on Learning

Thank you for the great pictures for Facebook, Twitter, and the website! Please keep them coming! And, if you are tweeting in your classroom, the addition of the Park Rapids hashtag, #ParkRapidsISD will help bring additional viewers to your tweets. Please include us! Thank you!

## My Upcoming Schedule:

- Monday, Oct 10: Park Rapids, 7:30AM – 5:30PM
- Tuesday, Oct 11: Park Rapids, 7:30AM – 2:30PM/Nevis, 3:00 – 4:30PM
- Wednesday, Oct 12: Park Rapids, 7:30AM – 6:00PM
- Thursday, Oct 13: Park Rapids, 7:30AM – 12:30PM

Please feel free to contact me at any time via my cell phone (320-241-6150), my home email ([lconzemius@gmail.com](mailto:lconzemius@gmail.com)) or my Park Rapids email ([lconzemius@parkrapids.k12.mn.us](mailto:lconzemius@parkrapids.k12.mn.us)) .

## Scheduled Classes:

There is a two-hour technology class scheduled Monday in Park Rapids from 3:30 – 5:30 in the Century Elementary computer lab on the Seesaw digital portfolio tool. Here's the full description:


**Monday, Oct 10**  
**3:30 – 5:30 PM**

### Seesaw Student Portfolios

Seesaw allows students and teachers to easily post items into a student portfolio, which can also be shared with families. Children as young as preschool can learn how to scan a QR code to add an image or document, and teachers have full control of everything posted. Seesaw is a powerful tool, yet is easy to use...and free!

I realize it is a busy time with conferences this week. Please let me know if you are planning to attend. If no one is we will reschedule this one. It's an awesome program!

## Google Tip:

Want to share an article with your students, but aren't happy with all of the advertising around the edges? This is where the Google Chrome browser can really come in handy. Head to the GoogleChrome Web Store and install the extension called Readability. Then when you are viewing a page from the Internet that has advertising or images around it, click the Readability image (which looks like a little chair)  and save the page. You can then print it as a PDF or open it in a book app (like Kindle or Nook). This creates a great class handout or addition to Google Classroom!

## Links:

Need to pick a random student? Use the random name picker at [classtools.net](http://classtools.net). Easy set up, save, and use! [www.classtools.net/main\\_area/fruit\\_machine.swf](http://www.classtools.net/main_area/fruit_machine.swf) (doesn't work on an iPad)

Greg Tang Math: [www.gregtangmath.com](http://www.gregtangmath.com) is a wonderful resource for engaging math professional development, math center resources, word problem work, and games.

## Flippity.net

### Instructions

1. Go to [Flippity.net](http://Flippity.net)
2. Follow the on-screen instructions and prompts to:
  - a. Make a copy of the provided Google Spreadsheet.
  - b. Enter your questions and answers.

**Copy of Flippity Flashcards**

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	A	B
1	Side1	Side2
2	2 x 8 =	16
3	3 x 7 =	21
4	5 x 9 =	45
5	1 x 10 =	10
6	4 x 6 =	24

- c. Publish the spreadsheet and copy the URL

Get a link to the published data

Web page ↕

All sheets ↕

All cells

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/pub?key=0AlaFSC7EEK8ddGk2TjY3cnVQT2tL2GdpbT1TbXJWWVE&output=pdf>

Copy and paste the link above

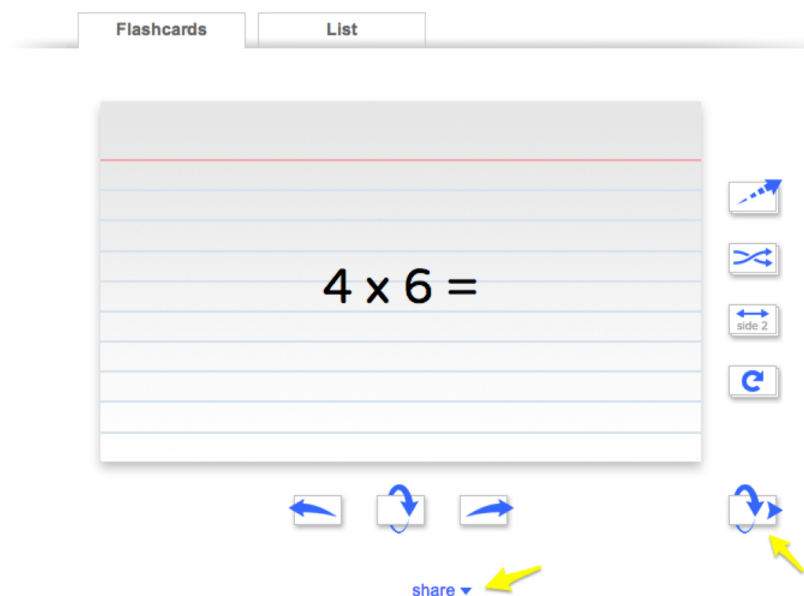
### Classroom ideas:

- Could be used for any content area!
- If the "questions" are links to online images, the images will show on the flash cards!
- Students could submit questions and answers via a Google form and they could be compiled into a classroom set of flashcards.

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- d. Return to flippity.net
  - e. Paste the URL you copied in step 3.
  - f. Click the "Go" button.
3. Use the icon in the lower right corner to flip and advance the flash cards

### Online Flashcards



4. Click the "Share" button to get the URL and/or a QR code for your published flippity cards.

## Fall Technology Sessions 2016: PARK RAPIDS SCHOOLS

All sessions held in Century Elementary Computer Lab (unless otherwise noted)

Park Rapids	Topic
<b>Wednesday, Sept 28</b> <b>3:30 – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Questions &amp; Work Time</b> Trying out Google Classroom and need some questions answered? Can't remember what you learned last summer in a tech class? Need some time to set up some classroom technology? This class is for you! There will not be a formal presentation, but instead Laurie will be there to answer questions and provide assistance.
<b>Tuesday, Oct 4</b> <b>3:30 – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Using Technology to Improve Classroom Behavior</b> Managing a 21st Century Classroom can be a tall order. Find out ways of Improving your overall classroom behaviors by using technology to increase the frequency and consistency of positive feedback, manage behavior interventions, and keep easier records for goal setting.
<b>Monday, Oct 10</b> <b>3:30 – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Seesaw Student Portfolios</b> Seesaw allows students and teachers to easily post items into a student portfolio, which can also be shared with families. Children as young as preschool can learn how to scan a QR code to add an image or document, and teachers have full control of everything posted. Seesaw is a powerful tool, yet is easy to use...and free!
<b>Thursday, Nov 3</b> <b>3:30 – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Make Data Easier with Google Forms</b> Parent Surveys, Student Quizzes, Data Collection, all can be gathered and organized efficiently with Google Forms. Forms allows you to create surveys and quizzes and will automatically bounce the information to a connected spreadsheet. Display survey data or using add-ons, like flubaroo, you can grade quizzes and tests, making your formative or summative assessment much more efficient. Bring materials to create
<b>Wednesday, Nov 9</b> <b>3:30 – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Blogging 101</b> Looking for a way to engage parents? How about a venue for your students to share their work? Maybe a place to post items for your class? Or even a spot where you can discuss topics and/or share your knowledge? We will create blogs using Blogger (included free in the Google Apps suite), where you'll learn to personalize your blog, create links, embed content and media, and share it with others.
<b>Wednesday, Nov 30</b> <b>3:30 – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Exploring Educreations</b> Educreations has some great updates that make it the perfect tool for every classroom. We will start with an Educreations how-to and then give you time to plan a few projects within your curriculum and determine how you could use them. Finish off by sharing your ideas with the group and posting them to your own Educreations classroom account. You will also hear about similar apps and the different features that make them unique.
<b>Tuesday, Dec 6</b> <b>3:30 – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Formative Assessments with Quizizz &amp; Kahoot</b> Quizizz and Kahoot are two free game-based learning platforms that make it fun to review and learn. Both have their own special features, and work in any subject, in any language, on any device – for all ages! Learn to use them, find teacher-created activities, and learn to create your own. You will have time to create: bring a quiz or review activity.
<b>Thursday, Dec 15</b> <b>3:30 – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Virtual Reality with Google Cardboard</b> You've heard about it, now come and try it out! Explore Virtual Reality apps and their usefulness in the classroom during this hands-on workshop. Bring either your Android or Apple phone, the Cardboard viewers will be provided for session use. Walk away with lesson plan ideas, as well as adaptations for use with or without a viewer.