



Garage Band Integration Ideas

Integration Ideas for Teaching

Rules

- Save valuable class time at the start of the year or term by presenting common rules and expectations for your classroom in a podcast on your website.
- Students who break rules can be asked to create a podcast about the rule that was broken by their actions.
- Encourages participation while reinforcing knowledge of correct behavior.

Weekly Assignment Updates

- Students with either Macs or PCs can subscribe in iTunes and hear periodic announcements of assignments.
- Serves as a resource for students who were absent.
- Keeps parents informed of current assignments.
- Ask students to take turns recording announcements to encourage participation.
- Reward student volunteers who record announcements.
- Helpful Hints: Tips and reminders for homework assignments.

“State of the Union” for Classrooms or Schools

- Create a weekly or monthly podcast as an audio newsletter that keeps parents up-to-date on classroom activities or recent and upcoming school events.
- Offer a music and theater podcast that includes recordings of plays, concerts and other school performances.

Vocabulary and Sight Words

- Review spelling and teach difficult-to-pronounce words by reading and spelling them in a podcast. Excellent for independent review at home.
- Introduce words that will be in reading: Pre-teach difficult words to increase student success and comprehension.
- Review commonly misspelled words.

Foreign Language

- Introduce new verbs, pronouns and adjectives from other languages and review with students.
- Explain grammar equivalents from different languages.
- Demonstrate correct pronunciation.
- Broadcast foreign language version of school news so students can practice comprehension skills.

Math

- Explain math concepts that taught during class for extra practice at home.
- Explain examples of real-world use.
- Assign students to recite story problems for others to solve as homework.

Showcase Best Student Work

- Have students record their own essays or other written assignments to showcase exemplary work to other students.
- In music classes, record outstanding samples of student performances for others to review.

Integration Ideas for Student Projects

Science and Health

- Periodic Table of Elements: Students create a podcast about their assigned element(s).
- Research and present findings about weather, food chains and animal life cycles.
- Research healthy eating by investigating nutritional information from popular fast food restaurants.
- PSA: Have students create commercials that promote physical, mental and social health.

Reading and Writing

- Persuasive Essay: After completing the writing process, students showcase their projects in a multimedia presentation that is added to a podcast.
- Book Reports: Students create podcasts that feature their favorite authors. These podcasts can be added to the classroom website to share with students and families.
- “Ten Steps” How-To Podcast: Students create detailed recorded instructions for a simple task.
- Digital books or poetry: Have students present creative writing along with their own voice and imagery, including their own artwork and photos that inspire them.
- Digital dictionary: Assign students high-frequency words as well as spelling words to create a digital resource that can be added to the classroom website.

Foreign Language

- Digital books: Have students translate their favorite children’s books and create an audio recording for other students to hear and practice pronunciation.
- After modeling, have students create their own audio presentations to improve fluency.

Art

- Create a digital portfolio. Have students capture examples of different art concepts in images. Examples include: Color, shape, line, positive and negative space. Set to audio recording that explains the styles and techniques used in these examples.
- Fractured Fairy Tales. After creating their own version of common fairy tales, students act out their narrative by creating props, sets and characters. Projects are created by placing one photo on each page and using audio to set timing. Add movies to a podcast when finished.

History and Geography

- Digital tour of historic events. Create a slideshow to step through a timeline to demonstrate cause and effect, and integrate into a podcast.
- Country reports: Have students research and integrate maps, movies, and other data into an audio tour.

Student Radio Shows

- Encourage creativity and independent thought by having students record an old time radio show using their own voice, real sound effects, and sound effects from the computer.