

Class Dojo

Class Dojo <http://www.classdojo.com/>

★ 1 2 3 4 5 (I would give this website a 10 if I could)

- Summary

What an AMAZING resource for teachers. I am literally fascinated and cannot stop exploring. Behavior management is made easy with Class Dojo, giving teachers the ability to reward students with a positive icon for good behavior, as well as give a negative icon for poor behavior. Each student is given a funny (in my opinion) monster avatar which personalizes it for each student. Also, the teacher can customize the positive and negative behaviors, play sounds when giving an award, show notifications, and pick how points are displayed. Not only does Class Dojo work as a behavior management tool, but also works to manage the class as a whole. This website allows teachers the ability to keep track of students' attendance, as well as time students for activities or assignments with the easy to use timer. Teachers can also randomly organize the order of students, and at the end of the day, week, month, or whenever the teacher chooses, he or she can reset the points awarded by simply clicking a button. This website is insanely easy to use and not only engages the students by making them aware of their behavior, but also makes it very easy for the teacher to keep track of the students' attendance. Also, by receiving parent and student codes, teachers are able to share behavior reports with the students and parents.

- Application

Without a doubt, I will use this phenomenal website in my classroom. I will use Class Dojo daily, from the start of the year until the end, as a classroom and behavior management tool. I will use Class Dojo to keep record of students' positive and negative behaviors and their attendance every day. Also, throughout the day I will use the timer for centers, assignments, and other various tasks. With the ability to send out reports to the parents of their child's behavior, I will have the parents at either the open house night, parent teacher conferences, sending out a letter, or utilizing my classroom website to have them sign-up with Class Dojo either using the parent codes or email invites- this will also be my opportunity to inform them of Class Dojo and how it will benefit both the student and them as the parents. Whether I use the student reports or not will depend on the age of my students. I also think it would be fun to come up with prizes for the student who has the most positive points, also a class prize if the whole class gets a total of 50 points for the day. Having students encourage one another to receive positive points will also be an important part to Class Dojo for me because I want classmates to work as a team and be supportive to everyone. I really cannot wait to use Class Dojo in my future classroom.