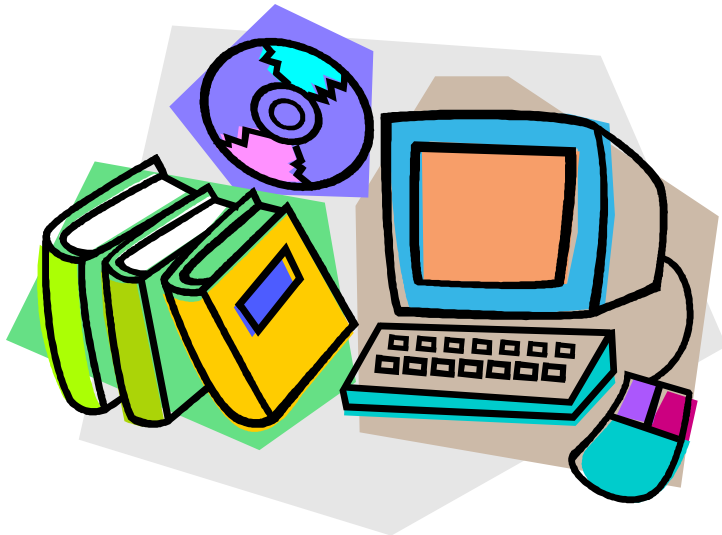


# Science Spotlight: Transforming Technology



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# Teacher Tools – What do I use the most?

**Weebly** – Offers free websites and tools to help you build your online classroom; used by our junior high and high school teachers

*Examples: [mrstomm.com](http://mrstomm.com) and [HJHS Website](#)*

*Other Options: [Wix](#), [Schoolology](#), [Edmodo](#), & [Wikispaces](#)*

**Snipping Tool** - May be used to capture images, images of worksheets, etc.; options to save as graphics files that can be imported into PowerPoint, whiteboard software, and video software

**Quizlet.com** – I use this free site to share vocabulary sets with the students; easy to export word sets or print for IEP/504 students; also offers games.

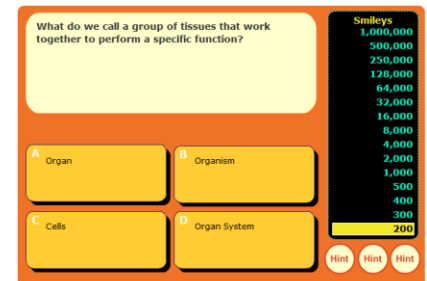
*Also check out [Study Stack](#) – Lots of game options for vocabulary practice or review.*

**Educreations** – My favorite free iPad app for creating video “whiteboard” lessons; easy-to-use and offers online storage for easy access by students and parents

*Example: [Pond Water Webs](#)*

**Quia.com** – A great site for creating review games (matching, hangman, Rags to Riches, Jeopardy-style game, and more!

I also use it for online quizzes (automatically graded!)



**Smillionaire**

# All About Google

(Dropbox is still my favorite!)

Google Drive - Google's version of Dropbox; offers up to 5 GB free storage when you sign up.

Google Classroom – Incorporate the tools in Google Drive to help you manage your digital classroom.

Blogger – Works with your Google account; easy-to-use format to edit and manage your pages with learning resources

Google Forms - Create a quick form to survey students at the of a lesson/unit, gather information about an assignment or topic, or set up easy-to-use registration forms.

Example: First Day

Google Earth – WOW! Always amazing to use with the kids!

## Earth Watch 2016

### Seismologists

Watch the news and search the Internet to find significant events that impact the Earth. Mark the locations on the map by # and keep a record in your notebook (46-47) as well as entering the data in your team's spreadsheet.

### Volcanologists

### Meteorologists

#### NOTES:

ONLY ONE person/team should be entering data at a time  
Make sure it saves before you close the tab!

### Geologists

Go to Google Drive → Shared With Me → Tomm to find your team's file

### Miscellaneous

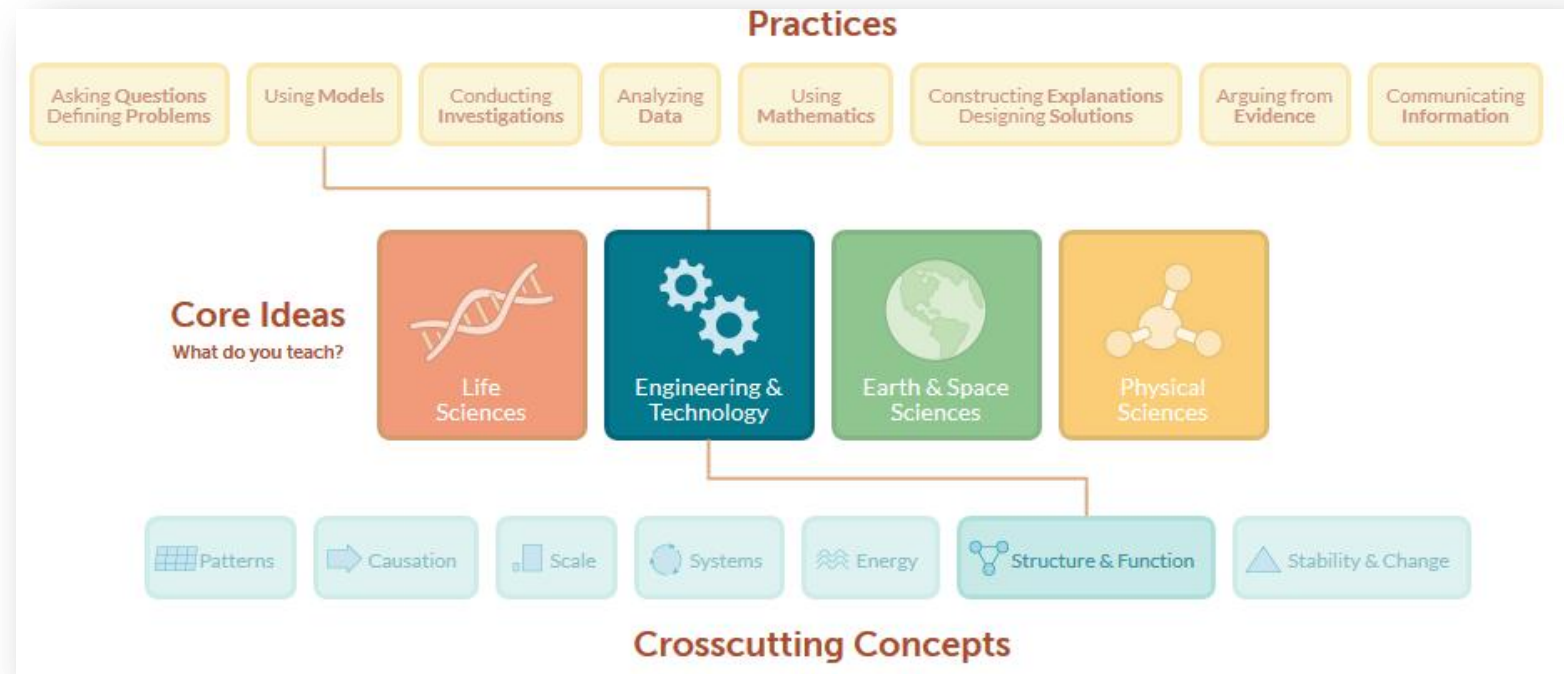
✓ Teams use Google Sheets in a shared folder to keep track of data for each team

✓ Use Google Earth to locate the places

✓ Track news articles/reports & images by saving them on Google Docs or Slides

# NGSS & STEM Resources – My Top 5 Picks

**Concord Consortium** – A great resource to find new ideas that target NGSS with an easy-to-use online tool! Also check out their **STEM Resource Finder!**



**Understanding Science** - Use their search tools to find resources aligned to NGSS - online lessons, activities, and classroom lessons.

**PBS Learning Media**– A great resource for finding videos, podcasts, and lesson plans on a variety of science topics as well as other content areas. Free access with registration!

## More resources ...

**[eGFI \(Engineering Go For It!\)](#)** - You are sure to find a new project to use to challenge your students while targeting Next Gen and STEM concepts!

**[cK-12.org](#)** - Use their search tools to find online resources for students or check out their FlexBook options to create your own textbook aligned to NGSS and your curriculum!

**What are your favorite resources for  
NextGen or STEM?**

**Also check out ...**

**[Science Snacks from the Exploratorium](#)** – Free lesson and activity ideas for all levels and science topics!

# Video Resources – Top 5 Picks

**PBS Learning Media (Teacher's Domain)** – A great resource for finding videos, podcasts, and lesson plans on a variety of science topics as well as other content areas. Free access with registration!

**NeoK12** – Videos as well as images, quizzes, and links to online activities for all subject areas  
Also try **Watch Know Learn** for more options

**BrainPop** – Requires subscription for access to most movies, but there are a few free ones; available for all subject areas

**Gooru** – Great search tools to find all types of resources (not just videos) and set them up as a Remix for your students to use during a lesson or unit.

## **Scholastic Study Jams**

### **More Science Videos**

**National Geographic**

**Crash Course**

**Crash Course Kids**

**NOVA Education**

**SciShow**

**Flinn Videos**

**Science Discovery**

**Weather Channel** (Strange Weather and Prospectors!)

**Real Player** – Download the free program to allow you to download videos for offline viewing (not all videos can be downloaded, but works with YouTube, SchoolTube, and TeacherTube.) Also check out **Download Helper** for FireFox

# PBL Resources – My Top 5 Picks

**BIE PBL Resources** – A “do-it-yourself” type of resource allowing you to find what you need to utilize problem-based learning units that will apply to your subject/students.

**MERLOT** – Online units and support materials for utilizing technology in your science classroom; check out their [science & technology](#) materials

**CIESE** – Join one of their collaborative projects to connect your classroom to others around the world; offers a variety of projects to match your curriculum

*Example: [Human Genetics](#)*

**Zooniverse** – Visit this site to find ways for your students to get involved in real science projects; offers online investigations to help scientists collect and analyze data

**NSF Case Study Collection** – Use case studies with your students to connect classroom learning to real-world problems; provides a searchable database with over 400 case studies

*Also check out [BioQuest](#) and [PBL Clearinghouse](#)*

## Cool Tech Tools

### Cartoons, Movies, & Stories

[Zimmer Animations](#)

[Toondoo](#)

[Comic Creator](#)

[PBS Cartoon Studio](#)

[PowToon](#)

[Story Starters](#)

[Story Maker](#)

### Presentations/Posters

[Wordle](#)

[Prezi](#)

[Popplet](#)

[Big Huge Labs](#)

*Online resources for digital projects are available on the [Tech Skills](#) page of the Science Spot's Kid Zone.*

# Engage Your Students – My Top 5 Picks

[PBS You Try Its](#) – Tons of great resources for learning, such as the [DNA Workshop](#)

[Nobelprize.org](#) – A collection of outstanding interactives designed to explore Nobel-prize winning projects and technologies, such as the [Blood Typing Game](#) ([Worksheet available](#))

[Interactive Sites for Students](#) - Find new websites to use for teaching or reinforcing classroom learning; available for all subjects and levels

[Lawrence Hall of Science](#) – Tons of fun online activities (as well as apps) to explore science concepts, such as pH with the [Alien Juice Bar](#)! ([Worksheet available](#))





# The last one ...

[WebAdventures](#) – A collection of online activities that are sure to challenge your students as they learn about CSI or any of the other topics. Example: [MedMyst](#) ([Worksheets and teacher guides are available](#))



Find more great resources for your students ...



# The Science Spot's Kid Zone

A collection of resources for students

Google™ Custom Search

*What do you want to explore?*

## Biology

[Cells & Classification](#)

[Microscopes](#)

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[Health & Human Body](#)

[Ecology & Environment](#)

[Pond Water](#)

## Astronomy

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Test your coding abilities  
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## Physics

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## Earth Science

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## Other Topics

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Try a [CSI Web Adventure](#)  
or [other online activities!](#)

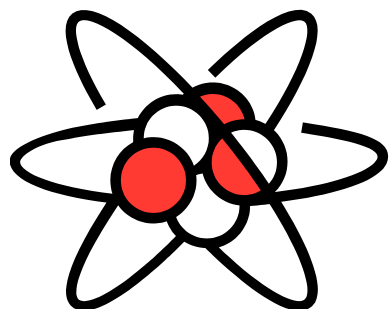
Check it out ...  
[PBS Kids - Design Squad](#)

<http://sciencespot.net/Pages/kidzone.html>

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