Wikis
as a Class website

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What's a wiki?

- "Wiki" is Hawaiian for quick
- A wiki is an easy-to-create web page
- It has an "edit" button right on it
- The editing tools are like the tools you'd find on a word processor toolbar
- You edit the page from wherever you want; if you're at a computer with internet access, you're in business

Show me an Example

What do I do with it?

- Use it like existing web page
  - It might be less fancy than the one you're using now but you'll actually update it.
- Store files, links, and ideas on it
  - If you put something on it, that means you'll have it on whatever computer you're on.
- Create an extension to your classroom
  - Students can post assignments, work collaboratively, visit links you've provided, and read classroom info from virtually anywhere.

How do I make one?

One wiki you might try is:
<u>PB Wiki</u>
- Enter a name for your wiki (no spaces or punctuation)
- Enter your PCS Email (PB Wiki won't spam you)
- Click the "Create My Wiki" button
- Check your email for the notice PB Wiki sent you
- Set a password (if the students will be editing too, make the password something they'll remember)
- Select public or private (will people without the password be able to view the wiki?)

Ok, now what?

- Use the "edit" button
  - This first page will be your home page
- Personalize the page
  - Use text tools
- Add new pages
  - "Link" button
  - Dotted red line indicates no content- yet
- Add a graphic
  - <u>Discovery School</u> has great clipart
  - R-click an image and select "save file"
  - In the wiki editing window, choose "insert image"

Class Wiki-page suggestions

- Introductions / Mission
- Curriculum / Projects
- Collaboration / Communication
- Schedules
- Best Practices
- Homework / Assignments

Things to try...

- Create a link to another website
- Upload a file to the wiki
  - Great for having access to a file from anywhere
- Link to a file you've uploaded
  - Great for sharing files, or giving students access to a worksheet at home
- Edit the sidebar
  - The sidebar can be edited like any other wiki page
  - Make a handy navigation for the pages you've made so far
- Check the settings of your wiki
  - Try some of the "skins" to give your wiki a different look

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Lets Go Wiki!