



QR Codes, Blogging, and Apps

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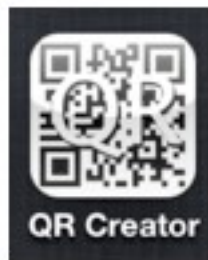
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(QR Reader - Free)



QR Creator Free

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Agenda

- QR Coding your world
- Blogging in the Classroom
- Score big with **APP**titude

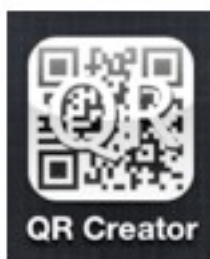
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Introductions



QR Code Creator App

- Name
- Grade
- School
- 1 Interesting Fact (if time)



When in QR Code Creator, you can choose a Text URL.
A box will pop up. Touch the box and a keyboard will pop up. Type the text in the box. When you are finished, hit create and your QR Code will pop up. Then you have the option to save it as a picture on your device or you can email it.

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QR Codes: What?

- QR means Quick Reference
- Web enabled mobile device
- 4,000 pieces of information stored
- Originated in Japan

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Where's Waldo?

- Tell us where you have seen a QR code recently



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What can a QR code store?

- A website
- Contact Info
- Any Text
- Events
- Podcasts
- Book Reviews
- Really, just about anything



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Talking Gallery



- Student becomes the tour guide
- Parent Teacher Conferences

Students created a triorama of one of the Regions where their Native American tribe lived.

Then they recorded an audio of their writing about the triorama and it was stored on AudioBoo (app) From there, I linked the voice to a QR code so parents, students, and teachers could scan and listen to the student talking about the Native Americans in their environment.

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AudioBoo

- Quickly Adds Audio to Internet Account
 - 1st set up your own account
- Records directly in App
- Copy Link from App into QR Creator

In AudioBoo, you will need to first create an account.

Then record the audio you will want. It gives you the option to pause and then resume. Once you are finished, you will pause the recording and publish. Give it a name and save.

If you want to copy the URL to link it in a QR code, click the white arrow next to the recording you just made.

Then in the top right corner, click the curved arrow. This will give you the option to copy the URL. Then you can insert it in the QR code creator app.

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Classroom Newsletter

- Links to:
- Video
- Website
- Updates



What's happening in room 19?
Students have moved away from the First Step and are now into a new unit that starts Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The unit is to study with the information from the First Step. The students are learning about the different plant families and how to give correct names to each flower. The link to students will be having a project to demonstrate their knowledge of the parts of the leaf or plant structure. An other link to students will be learning about the leaf's major part and making a collage.

Language Arts The students have finished reading an story book, "Book for Kings". When they were first read, the students did a retelling in their L2 class with a partner.

Reading Month Success

On Wednesday, our class surpassed the 6th grade class reading month goal with a word count of 3,222,000! We have been working big with our reading this month and have several students who are looking their way closer to reaching their yearly A.Z. goal! Way to go! This year's theme for reading month has been a big hit with the students and our school will be celebrating on Friday with a badge party. Last week our school held an assembly which featured, Brook Williams, former Detroit Lion as the special presenter. He spent time with the students and not only motivated them to read, but to also exercise and be active! Brook asked the students for a 3000 "interlock" dance. Check out the video from the event on our class webpage or follow the following link: <http://vimeo.com/70894017> or QR code.

Look more about QR codes on the next page of our newsletter



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Absent Students?

- Spelling Test using Audio Boo
- Math Corrections
- Video Science Lab



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QR Code a Rock



- Science Study Guides + Review
- Attach QR Code to a Rock
- Link QR Code to Video

These QR codes can link to a video about that type of rock, the name of the rock, and more information.

This can also be used with classifying, body systems, math answers, etc.

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For Example



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Don't have an iPad/iPod?



- Use a computer and a webcam
- [Online QR Creator](#)

Online QR Code Creator - <http://keremerkan.net/qr-code-and-2d-code-generator/>

Computer QR Scanner using a webcam. Must have AdobeAir and then run QRreader - <http://www.dansl.net/blog/2010/desktop-qr-code-reader/>

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More Ideas

- Codes to documents to check work
- School events
- Book/Author reviews
- Websites
- Emails for Parents
- Podcasts
- Scavenger Hunts
- Online Resources
- Google Maps
- Online Tutorial Videos
- Digital Storytelling
- Helps/Tips on Homework
- Really, just about anything



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One more example...



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Blog baby, blog



- Two Way connection between school based environment and the world
- Allows the world to peek into the school environment and see what is happening

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Blogging Platforms

- Posterous
- EduBlogs
- Blogger
- WordPress
- and many more



Some of these may want you to pay for extra features, but most start out free and have enough features that you won't need to pay.

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What I do



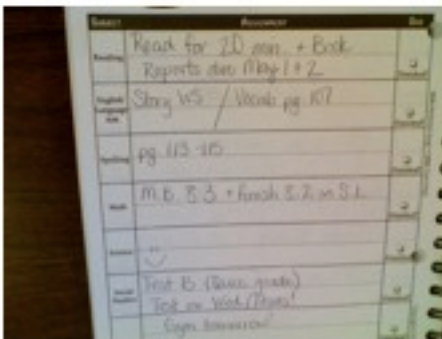
- Posterous

Posterous is a very student friendly blog where students don't have a ton of options with which to get bogged down on, but still have a lot of flexibility in what they can do.

Here is an example of a blog created on Posterous: <http://ithacaroom19.posterous.com/>

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WHY Blog?



- Daily Planner Update (Student Created)

Use a blog to send daily updates (student created) for parents or students who were absent for the day.

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Other Reasons to Blog

- Post Materials and Resources
- Create a class publication
- Start a class discussion/Book Review
- Replace your Newsletter
- Get your students blogging
- Share lesson plans/planner

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I don't have time...

- Simple Posting
- Student Led
- Average time - 5 minutes
- Posterous

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App Finders

AppsGoneFree
(Free)



App Shopper
(Free)



Free App
Tracker
(Free)



Daily Updates on
Apps that have gone
free for a limited
time

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A+



- Connected to quizlet.com
(A flashcard generator)

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Classroom Management Apps

Serenety - \$1.99
(Previously on AppsGoneFree)



Too Noisy - Free



Groovy Grader - Free



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Accelerated Reader App

- A look at the student's account and place for them to take quizzes

 Accelerated Reader™



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eClicker

eClicker
Presenter
\$14.99



eClicker
Audience
(Free)



Also available as a
Mac App

A survey/test response system to collect data and grade responses immediately.

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NearPod

- A presentation/evaluation/instant response tool.
- FREE

