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Eportfolio Assignment

In this generation, teaching has become a more involved profession. New teachers as well as more experienced teachers are now changing their teaching methods due to new technology and resources that have become available. As a student studying to become a teacher, it is important to know what resources are available to me so I can be the most successful teacher I can be. A new technology that has recently become available is the use of eportfolios. These are portfolios developed online to show what someone has accomplished and their current goals. In this profession, the use of eportfolios can be very useful.

As a teacher, eportfolios could be very useful. This technology is not only useful for developing a compilation of what has been accomplished but could also be used as a method of showing parents and students what has been learned over the course of the year. Parents want to be involved in what's going on in the classroom and often ask questions involving what has been covered; by using eportfolios in the classroom, teachers can document what has been accomplished, classroom goals, subjects that have been studied, fieldtrips that have been taken, and the progress each student has made. Each page that is made within the eportfolio has the capability of being password protected, so grades could be included on this site by informing students and parents what the password is for the student. This would eliminate the use of paper grades being sent home, or could be used in addition to. This technology has many uses that are very useful to the classroom and could allow for a successful and functioning classroom.

In addition to the use of teachers, this could also be used for students. Students could use this technology to show what they have done in the classroom and could be used as a study method for end of level testing or CRT's. Students in this generation are very technologically friendly and often are able to focus on the computer more than hands on work. To accommodate for those that do better on the computer, this could document assignments for given subjects; goals between the parent, teacher and student; and could allow for personal reflection on what they learned. Not only would this be a better way to document learning, it would allow for parents to see all of their work and would eliminate the confusion between the parent and teacher.

In all, this technology provides a new approach to education and learning in the classroom. Students and teachers would have the opportunity to be more organized and more ready to learn new things. Eportfolios would be a beneficial addition to the classroom.