

# iPads as Learning Tools

*Vista Innovation and Design Academy*

# VIDA Tech Goals

*At VIDA We believe that technology should help us...*

**Improve Communication**

**Extend learning beyond the classroom**

**Connect students to the broader world**

**Make textbooks interactive**

**Give students the opportunities to make amazing products**

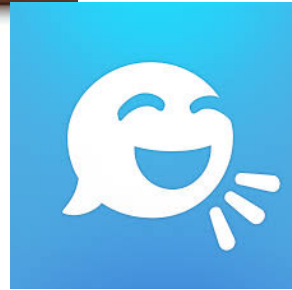
**Make students tech producers not just consumers**

**Allow for 21st century collaboration**

**Teach students about digital citizenship**

**Make learning and teaching more effective and efficient**

# Some Apps Installed on iPads



# Effective Educational Use of iPads

## General overview of how iPads are being used in class:

- emailing teacher or classmates (Gmail)
- Web-based research (EBSCO, Destiny)
- Teacher initiate Skype/Google Hangout
- Shared reading annotating (Subtext)
- Movie/Trailer (iMovie)
- Hour of Code
- Blog posts, shared documents/presentations (Google Suite)
- All Things Tech Lesson (Google Classroom)
- Edmodo quiz, web videos for reteaching
- Etc...
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It may be useful to think about iPads as a tool that can both consume and produce information

Subtext

A faint, stylized illustration of a hand holding a pen, with a trail of ink dots extending across the page. The hand is positioned on the left side, and the pen is held in a writing position. The trail of ink dots starts from the pen and extends towards the right side of the page, creating a sense of movement and flow. The overall style is minimalist and artistic, with a focus on the gesture of writing.

# Safari/Chrome

- These are web browsers

# iMovie

- iMovie allows students to edit videos
- They can use this to describe a new concept they have learned or capture the content
- Videos are powerful learning and teaching tools (think Youtube)

# Haiku Deck

- This is one of many presentation apps designed to be sleek and user friendly
- Haiku Deck allows students to create a very impressive multimedia presentation



## Google/Apple Suite of Software

- Much like MS Word, Powerpoint, Excel, etc. Google and Apple have developed productivity software for use on the iPad
- So much of what we have become accustomed to doing on a computer can be also done on an iPad
- One major advancement is cloud based storage and collaborative opportunities

# Google Classroom

- Teachers are starting to use Google Classroom to distribute, collect, and grade assignment
- Students (and parents) can check Google Classroom on a regular basis to see what work is due or has been turned in and graded
- It's still new to us too!

# iPad Don'ts

Students misuse the iPad or not follow directions this takes away from their learning opportunities.

- Changing iPad settings that need to be reset
- Getting onto inappropriate websites (malware)
- Inappropriate use of the cameras
- Installing games
- Bringing iPad to school uncharged
- Leaving/losing iPad throughout the school

# Digital Citizenship

“Being a digital citizen is all about making responsible and respectful decisions online. After all, we are responsible for creating the kind of digital world we want to live in.”

Excerpt From: Common Sense Media. “Digital Literacy & Citizenship Student Workbook: Grades 6-8.”  
Common Sense Media, 2014. iBooks. <https://itun.es/us/kx7qV.n>

# What can parents do?

- Develop rules about acceptable and safe behaviors
- Talk to your kid about where they're going on the internet
- Explore the internet where your child goes
- Yes, it's ok to limit their screen time
- Ask them to share their projects