Using Cell Phones in the Classroom

Some instructors have embraced the use of cell phones and mobile devices in the classroom. Liz Kolb. (2011) *Cell Phones in the Classroom: A Practical Guide for Educators* discusses how K-12 teachers use cell phones in classrooms across the United States or Canada, New Zealand and Australia and included the following assignments:

- **Discussion -- Blogging and Twitter**
  - Students discuss Shakespeare one line at a time
  - Connect with people in other countries and cultures
    - Facebook
      - Real life examination of privacy issues, appropriate use of social media
      - Post things related to topics covered in class (Psychology)
    - Wiki and Smartboard
      - Language class –in class students post anonymous attempts to construct grammatically correct sentences
      - Literary discussions
- **Photographs and Video**
  - Document things that relate to everyday life
  - Photograph notes on the board
  - Use amusement park rides to demonstrate laws of physics
  - Use phones to take photographs to use in Microsoft office applications
  - Videorecord interviews
- **Podcasting**
  - Use cell phones to call into voice recording sites and create podcasts
- **Voice recording**
  - Language pronunciation quizzes
- **Calculators**
  - Students don’t have to purchase separate devices
- **Polling**
  - Poll Everywhere
- **Research**
  - Search for definitions
  - See who can find correct answer first from any source
  - Taking notes
    - Evernote and other drop box applications
- **Calendars**
  - Develop organization skills
- **Scavenger Hunts**
  - QR codes
- **Taking notes**
  - Evernote and other drop box applications
More information


Web Sites
