36 Ways to Use Gaggle in the Classroom

36 Weeks of School calls for 36 Ways to Use Gaggle. Here are several ways you can integrate Gaggle into your classroom for the 2012-2013 school year.

1. Create a "Getting to Know You" presentation or PowerPoint to share with students as a welcome back to school introduction. (Zoho and Digital Locker)
2. Produce videos documenting school, community or local events to upload and share. (GaggleTube)
3. Participate in a cooperative learning activity with classmates using online learning tools. (Zoho and Digital Lockers)
4. Publish an online art gallery which demonstrates an understanding of different time periods or cultures. (Blogs)
5. Provide tutoring opportunities for students using online chat tools. (Chat/IM)
6. Impersonate historical figures or other individuals and describe events and experiences through their eyes. (Blogs)
7. Discover community and cultural similarities and differences through communication with peers across the town, across the country or across the globe. (Email)
8. Discuss any curricular subjects online adjusting their written language to communicate effectively. (Discussion Boards)
9. Write for multiple purposes to produce a variety of texts, such as stories, journals, learning logs, directions, and letters. (Zoho)
10. Participate in literary discussions as knowledgeable, reflective, creative, and critical members of a variety of literacy communities. (Discussion Boards)
11. Provide additional writing opportunities, by requiring students to express their feelings on a regular basis using online journals or blogs. (Blogs)
12. Develop real-world math problems for students to complete in a relaxed atmosphere. (Social Wall)
13. Design an online scavenger hunt texting the next clue once the students "found" the answer to a previous clue. (SMS Messaging)
14. Assist students with organization by teaching students how to effectively use and manage calendars. (Calendars)
15. Present students with opportunities to peer edit stories and other essays. (Digital Locker)
16. Distribute all documents related to your class online, so your students will have 24/7 access to them. (Digital Locker)
17. Create an online student portfolio of student work for reflection. (Digital Locker)

18. Collect student assignments online, evaluate their work and return to them all online. (Assignment Drop Box)
19. Encourage reading for pleasure, by giving students a place to share and review books they have read. (Social Wall Group)
20. Require students to respond to the ideas of others in a positive, constructive and appropriate manner. (Discussion Board)
21. Create an "On This Day in History" calendar, which include not only the event but links to additional information regarding each one. (Calendar)
22. Share class information with parents and students in an online format. (Blogs and Calendars)
23. Implement the "Ask 3, Then Me" policy in your classroom, encouraging your students to ask a classmate for help, before they come to you. (Chat/IM)
24. Communicate with community leaders to practice varying writing style and word choice for a particular audience. (Email)
25. Search to find grammatical mistakes in the real world. Once mistakes are found have them photograph the mistake and post the picture to a "Grammar Guru" Social Wall. (Social Wall)
26. Utilize videos to supplement your curriculum. (GaggleTube)
27. Generate online quiz games for content review with points for the first correct answer to a question. (Chat/IM)
28. Create photo collages for an entire unit or individual concept. (Zoho and Digital Lockers)
29. Interact with students in a more relaxed setting by creating a location to discuss hobbies, activities, sports, etc (Discussion Boards and Social Wall Groups)
30. Evaluate content knowledge by allowing students to submit test. (Assignment Drop Box and Email)
31. Develop student and community surveys to gather real world data and create spreadsheets, charts, graphs and presentations of the results. (Email and Zoho)
32. Create a glossary of vocabulary terms related to your curriculum, which will serve as a resource for students throughout the year. (Discussion Board)
33. Encourage students to call on classmates for homework help by posting and responding to questions. You can even give participation points to the first student to help a classmate. (Social Wall)
34. Improve communication with students, but sending reminders of upcoming events, assignments and educational opportunities. (Email and SMS Messaging)
35. Require self editing and evaluation of student writing. (Auditory Feedback System)
36. Collect summer reading activities or other summer work online for evaluation. (Assignment Drop Box)