

#schoollife – The Tech-Savvy Classroom – Dec. 4, 2014

These third grade students are working smarter and faster here at Mireles Elementary School ... thanks to advancements in technology ... like those we found in this classroom.

[Cynthia Hernandez – 3rd Grade Teachers, Mireles ES](#)

M2 | 6:48 Each of our students has a Google Docs account and they can create different types of presentations through something that's equivalent to a PowerPoint, a Word document, graphs –

M2 | 7:18 ... once the children have started actually engaging in writing, I can remotely give them feedback through the comment feature in Google Docs and it tells them exactly what they need to do ...

SOT – Reading chat from teacher

M2 | 4:10 “Connor, you’ve done an excellent job can you please tell us more about the things he’s done...”

[Tyler Edwards – 3rd Grade Student, Mireles ES](#)

M3 | 5:19 Some of them said that I had to correct the spellings and capitalizations ... I hit the comment button and she said that I did a good job on it, so I sent back ‘thank you’

Mrs. Hernandez is able to work with multiple students at one time using this feature in Google Docs ... and on the other side of the classroom, an iPad has many uses for every subject including mathematics.

[Emilie Rodriguez – 3rd Grade Student, Mireles ES](#)

M3 | 3:19 If you want to do something like rounding instead of doing it on your paper you can do it on the iPad by going on Educreations and writing the number down and talking it out

SOT – Rounding

M1 | 2:02 – “How do you round to the nearest 100th ... first I’m gonna underline the six and then I’m gonna circle the five ...”

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M2 | 8:40 ... we know that when they’re actually able to understand the strategy, use the strategy in a mathematics class, for example, and then actually teach someone we know that that really solidifies the learning.

M3 | 1:55 Engagement is tremendous – students clearly understand what they’re doing and have such a great motivation to do their work.

While students are enjoying their learning experiences, parents can too ... because these advancements make it easier than ever to save -- and share -- student work.

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M2 | 9:00 All of these creations that they make are put on to a Web link and they can send these to their parents, we can put them up on our website – they can also refer back to them time and time again.

M1 | 7:55 We've started folders and all of their work will be carried on from third grade until they graduate high school, and that Google Docs folder is theirs via an email address so they can keep that forever.

M3 | 1:19 We're working at such an advanced level and we're also preparing them for the technology that they're going to be using in middle school, high school and college.

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