



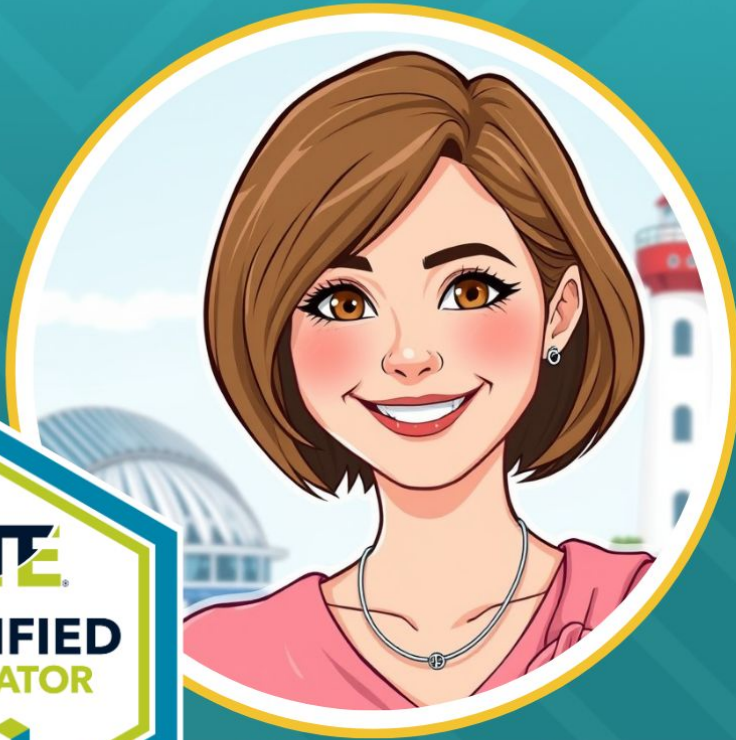
# TECH TOOLBOX FOR ALL:

## Differentiated Reading Strategies Across Subjects

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# ISTE CERTIFIED EDUCATOR

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ISTE Certification affirmed my pedagogy-first approach and gave me a shared language to lead and model with clarity. It's never about chasing the latest tools—it's about centering what truly serves learners. I value how the program centers humanity in education, enabling me to design meaningful professional learning that ultimately reaches students through the educators I support.

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**CERTIFIED**  
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# ISTE CERTIFIED EDUCATOR

**RUTH OKOYE**



I got certified to model what I ask of my teachers. The best part? Joining a PLN where I get to be the learner for once! I use the standards to help educators create authentic, tech-enhanced learning experiences.

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# Our “Prescription Pad”

**Good reading instruction includes:** *diagnosis, prescription, monitoring progress, adjusting treatment*

- A doctor doesn't prescribe the same medicine for every ailment.
- Educators can't use the same digital tool for every reading challenge.
- Teachers need to employ specific, targeted solutions



# Our Approach

Grounded in the Big 5 components of reading

We know that a struggling 8th grader might need phonics work, but they need it delivered in an age-appropriate way.

The research hasn't changed, but our delivery methods have gotten so much better.



# Leveraging Edtech Tools

You can use many open ended tech tools for reading instruction if you customize the content.

- FigJam for collaborative word sorts
- EdPuzzle for reading comprehension exercises
- Padlet for fluency practice
- Book Creator for progress tracking



# Anatomy of a TeachersFirst Review

## Title(s) Exactly Matching Your Search Term

▼ **Padlet** - Padlet 

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**IN THE CLASSROOM**

# Anatomy of a TeachersFirst Review

## IN THE CLASSROOM

Use a **Padlet** to collaborate in collecting ideas, brainstorming, and more. Use this tool easily in your Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) classroom since all students will be able to access it for free, no matter what device they have. **Padlet** does not show which work is attributable to which student, so you may want to require that students initial their contributions in order to get credit. If allowing all students to post to the wall or make comments, you may want to discuss internet safety and etiquette and establish specific class rules and consequences. Making the setting private again will prohibit content from later being replaced by classmate "vandalism."

Use a **Padlet** to collect webquest links and information to share with students. By leaving the wall open to comments, solicit input, discussions, or viewpoints from students. They can even contribute other sources they find. Color code resources to indicate different reading levels or "high challenge" sources for your more able students. Assign a student project where students choose their theme and design a wall around it. For example, have students create a wall about an environmental issue. They can include pictures, audio or video, links, and other information to display. Use as a new format for book reports. Do your students have favorites such as music or sports? Create a wall around these favorites or hobbies. Use a wall for grammar or vocabulary words. Create walls for debates or viewpoints. Post assignments, reminders, or study skills on a wall. Do you use student scribes or reporters? Use the **Padlet** site to create a wall with the goings-on in class. Embed your walls in a blog, wiki or website. See a similar tool (and more ideas to use either tool) in the TeachersFirst review of Lino [here](#). Decide which one you prefer! Unfortunately, the **Padlet** embedded viewer is very small but can be scrolled in both directions.

Use **Padlet** as a class space during snow days and school breaks. Share the link to a teacher-created, public wall where students can share notes about what they did during the snow day or respond to a thought-provoking question.

Encourage creativity and organization by having your gifted students (or anyone doing independent projects) create **Padlets** to collect ideas, images, quotes, and more in an "idea bin." Require them to share a brainstorming **Padlet** to show you the ideas they considered before they launch into a project. Have them brainstorm (and later sort/color code) the possibilities for a creative problem solving or "Maker Faire" project. In writing or art classes, use **Padlet** as a virtual writer's journal or design notebook to collect ideas, images, and even video clips.

### Edge Features:

Parent permission advised before posting student work created using this tool

# Rx for Phonemic Awareness

## ■ Wordwall

- Phonemes
- Morphology

## ■ Gamified Phonics

- Teach Your Monster
- ICT Games
- Arcademics

## ■ FigJam

- Collaborative word sorts
- Mind Maps/Graphic Organizers



# Rx for Fluency Building

## ■ Reading Coach

- Leveled passages
- Personalized AI generated passages

## ■ Padlet

- Record and share
- Emphasis on prosody



# Rx for Vocabulary Development

## ■ Frayer Model Templates

- Google Slides
- Storyboard That
- Canva

## ■ Padlet

- Vocabulary Walls

## ■ FigJam

- Frayer Model Templates
- Mind Maps/Graphic Organizers



# Rx for Comprehension

## ■ Differentiated articles

- ReadWorks
- CommonLit

## ■ Paired Audio Books

- Epic!
- Lit2Go

## ■ Book Community Participation

- Bookopolis
- Goodreads



# Tips to get started

- Pick a single component to start
- Focus on the strategies not the tools
- Use full class and workstation groupings
- Build portfolios (for students and you) to document growth

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