

Tip #54 – DropBox and free online tools

IF you are still carrying around a flash (aka thumb) drive, or maybe even a portable hard drive...

IF you stress out about leaving the above drives in a computer somewhere...

IF you have been told you can't put your flash drive in a public computer, because they spread viruses...

IF you are afraid your flash drive will get a virus from a public computer...

THEN: try DropBox. It is a free online file storage tool that eliminates the need to use a physical drive. It's easy to use and set up. You can use it totally online, or you can install it in your personal computer to save to it just as you would to a drive in your computer.

For more info, go to <http://www.dropbox.com/> and watch the video.

Dropbox is among many free online tools on the "Cool Tools for Schools" site. Aimed at elementary teachers, it is a great place to "shop" for free online tools for whatever you need.

File storage tools and free websites <http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/File+Storage>

Mindmapping and graphic organizer tools

<http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/Organiser+Tools>

Research Tools – one will even do the research and write the whole report, uh-oh

<http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/Research+Tools>

Writing Tools <http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/Writing+Tools>

Resources for teachers – subject area lesson plans and more

<http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/Resources+for+Teachers>

There are also tools for music, audio, slide shows, mapping, and much more! Each of the pages above provides the full menu.

If you use any of these tools, please let me know what you liked and didn't like!