Digital Integration Tip for the End of the School Year

At the end of the school year, use a "Year in Review" digital activity to integrate technology meaningfully, engage students, and prepare for the next year.



One possible approach is to design a **digital last-day-of-school project** that combines reflection, creativity, and tech skills. For example, you could have students create a **short film** summarizing their year's learning, or use a **virtual field trip** to explore a topic they've studied. This not only celebrates their achievements but also reinforces key concepts in an engaging, student-centered way to stay focused in the last weeks of school.

If you want to integrate new EdTech tools during this time, start small — choose one or two tools to test, such as **Kahoot!** for review quizzes. Another great resource is **Flip** for video reflections. These are fun digital ways to gather feedback from students from the year!

Steps for integration:

1. **Set a clear learning objective** — ex: "Students will reflect on their year's learning and demonstrate understanding through a creative digital product"
2. **Choose the right tool** — Select a digital tool that aligns with your goals and supports higher-order thinking skills.
3. **Provide scaffolding** — Give clear instructions, examples, and time limits to help students stay focused and succeed in the last few weeks.
4. **Encourage collaboration** — Use a shared platform like Google Slides or Jamboard for group projects (Students should know how to use these already)
5. **Archive and organize** — At the end of the year, clean up *your* digital files by creating year-specific folders, naming files consistently, and archiving old work which will make it easier for you to use next year!

By blending reflection, creativity, and intentional tech use, you can make the final weeks of school both meaningful and a chance to experiment with new tools for next year.