Classroom Technology Projects for Mother's Day

This Sunday, May 8 is Mother's Day. If you're looking for some technology-related projects to do with your students this week, we've come up with five ideas that you can build into your lessons.

Wordle me this: Ask you students to each write down/type 10 words that best describe their mother, and then enter the entire class' data into Wordle. The resulting word cloud can be printed off by your students and brought home to share.

Storytime: Use an online collaborative story builder such as Storybird to have your students create their own Mother's Day story, complete with illustrations. Students can print the story or share it online with their family.

Once a Poem, always a Poem: There are some excellent build-your-own poem sites online, such as Instant Poetry Forms, which let students select the style of the poem they want and then fill in the blanks with their own words. Fast and from the heart, these poems can be printed and pasted to the inside of a handmade card.

A picture is worth a thousand words: Take a photo of your students individually and print them off in class. Have students create a handmade card and write down three reasons they love their mother. On the inside of the card, ask students to glue their photo and write their reasons underneath.

Extras for this project: Have students hold a flower or gift box for their mother in the photo; print the photos in black and white for added effect; use photo editing sites such as Picasa to apply effects to the images before printing.

To the (Power) Point: This project requires some additional preparation, but is a wonderful gift for your students to bring home. Take individual and group photos of your students and incorporate them into a Powerpoint presentation. Ask students to add the three reasons they love their mother to the slide with their photo, as well as their name. Finish off with a title and closing slide, and add your class' favourite song to play over the slides. Have each student design their mother's day card in the dimensions of a CD cover, and give each student a copy of the presentation on disc to share on Mother's Day.

What are some of your favourite Mother's Day projects that incorporate technology?

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