

## **Description**

Throughout the year, my students use many websites in my classroom. Many of them have a difficult time finding the website because they do not know the name of it or how to spell it correctly. This takes up instructional time and becomes frustrating for me.

This year I created a personal start page called Symbaloo and added it to my teacher's website. Symbaloo is a personal startpage that allows my students to easily navigate to the websites we use. Symbaloo also allows me to save the bookmarks in the cloud so the students can access them from anywhere with any device.

## **Impact**

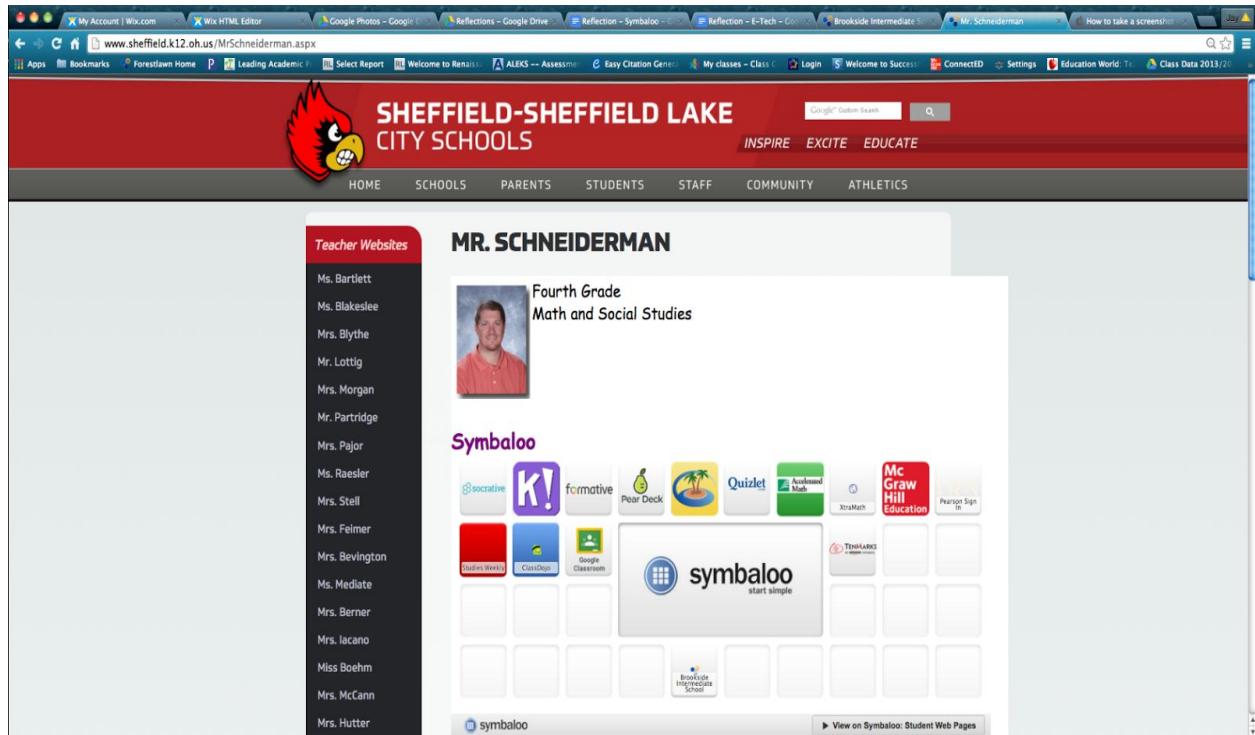
Symbaloo has been more effective than what I expected. Without Symbaloo I would have to repeat myself numerous times before the students were able to log in. In most cases, 1 or 2 students could never log into the websites on their own. They had a difficult time spelling the name of the website even if it was on the board. When this happened, I would have to enter the correct name of the website myself which would take away from instructional time. When you combine that with the slow computers, it usually took anywhere from 5 to 15 minutes before everyone was logged in. This significantly cut back on the time we had in the computer lab or in class to accomplish what we needed to accomplish. Symbaloo has allowed me to be more effective and efficient in my classroom and has given the students more time to learn.

## **Intent**

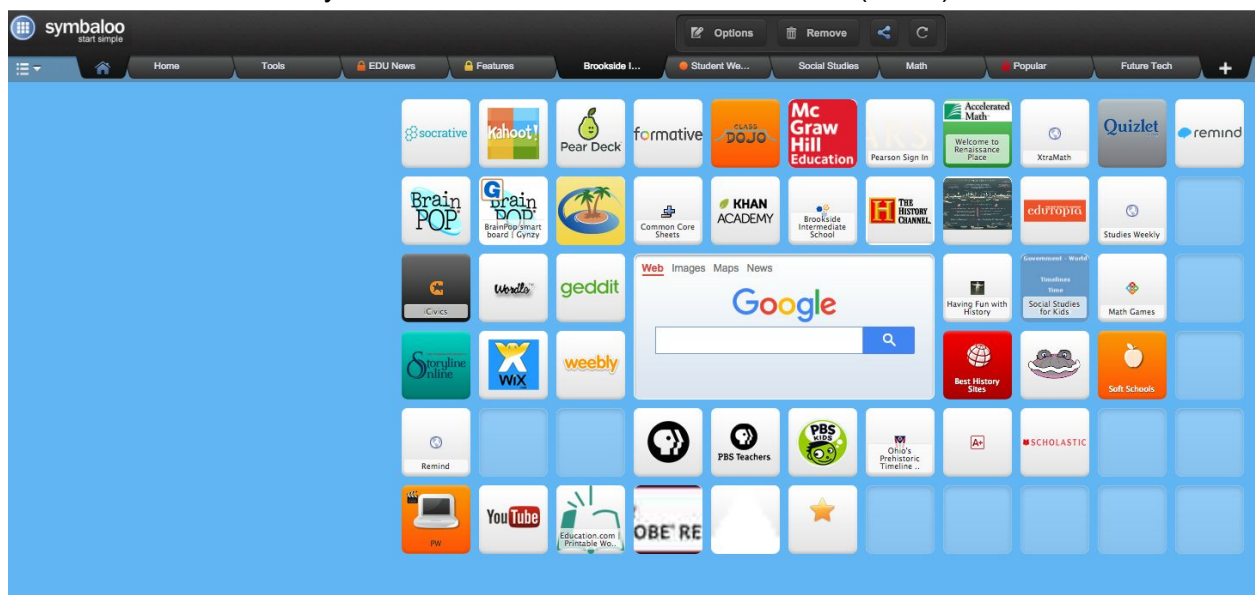
I intend to keep adding to the student's Symbaloo with other websites that we use throughout the year. Symbaloo also has a feature where you can add other Symbaloos. I want to make specific Symbaloos for each of the core subjects in school. For example, I want to create a Symbaloo for social studies, one for math, another one for writing, one for reading, and finally one for science. I also want to make a Symbaloo that has learning games and another one that has news and weather that we can use in class. Symbaloo allows me to have all of the websites I use at my fingertips that can be accessed with just one click on any device anywhere. Once I feel a little more established in creating Symbaloos and implementing them in the classroom, I intend to train other teachers how to create their own and how it can benefit them and their students. Finally, I want to talk to my technology coordinator to see if a Symbaloo can be added to the district's webpage instead of just having links on the page.

Link to the Symbaloo on my teacher website  
<https://edu.symbaloo.com/mix/studentwebpages3>

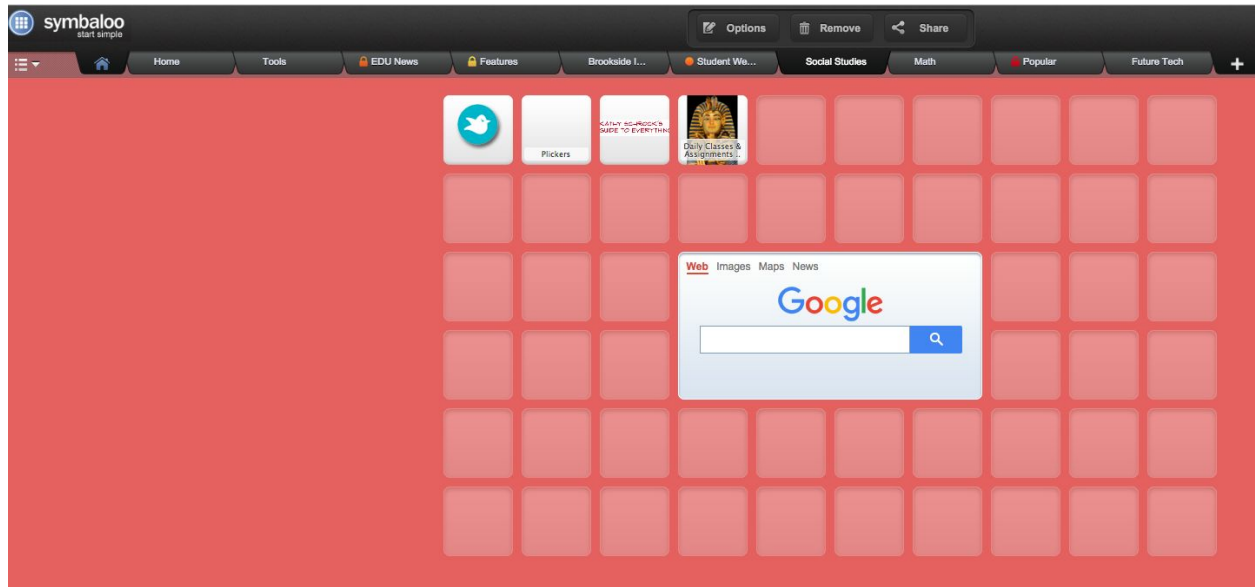
### Screenshot of the Symbaloo on my teacher website (1 of 4)



### Symbaloo I created for websites that I use (2 of 4)



### Symboloo I have started for social studies websites (3 of 4)



### Symboloo I have started for future technology I want to incorporate into the classroom (4 of 4)

