

Tools for Researching Through Online Communication

For social media sites for younger kids, check out:

- Club Penguin (clubpenguin.com)
- Franktown Rocks (franktownrocks.com)
- or Kidzworld (kidzworld.com)

Two great sources for connecting to other classes are

- epals.com *and* iearn.org

Twitter can become a powerful part of your educator personal learning network as well as a valuable research tool. Once you make an account on Twitter (at www.twitter.com), there are many educator-friendly resources to help you get started:

- Heinemann offers a free, online getting-started-with-Twitter course for Educators that you can watch here: www.heinemann.com/products/DCOCN0014.aspx
- Join the Twitter chats such as #educhat. You can find a well-maintained schedule of educational chats here: <http://cybraryman.com/chats.html>
- Check out Educademic’s “The Ultimate Twitter Guidebook” at www.edudemic.com/the-ultimate-twitter-guidebook/ and “Oh, the People You’ll Meet if Only You’ll Tweet” at educonnections.org/2014/07/12/oh-the-people-youll-meet-if-only-youll-tweet/
- Follow your favorite conferences by searching for their hashtags (e.g., #atia2014, #iste2014).