Happy Wednesday! It sure is a lot easier to be optimistic when the sun is shining on the regular, isn't it? Today, we wanted to share two fast-approaching virtual opportunities for our communities to learn from each other.

"This is a wonderful day; I've never seen this one before."--Maya Angelou

Alecia at AIMS

Edcamp Powerful Learning at Home: Powerful Use of Tools & Technology for Learning

If you've never had an "Edcamp" experience before, now is a great time to try it out. The concept is based upon "crowd-sourcing" topics and content. Everyone "shows up" at the beginning of the event and topics for discussions and trainings are suggested by attendees. Then, groups tend to coalesce around those suggested ideas. A favorite part is the "smackdown"--a fast-paced sharing of ideas and resources. The next Edcamp Powerful Learning at Home will take place on Friday, May 15th from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Eastern Time. Participants will be grouped by GRADE LEVEL, which makes this even more applicable for everyone! You can learn more about how this Edcamp will work and can register for this FREE event below.
Twitter Chat, Anyone?

Don't tell me you've never attended an #edchat for your #pln on #distancelearning? Say what? We know, Twitter can be overwhelming for anyone. However, as we have all been thrust into all-digital professional development opportunities, it would be silly to leave out one of the most timely and useful resources: hashtag chats. So, maybe you already know that a hashtag is that # symbol that preceded a comment, usually sarcastic. Well, they're also how you can find content that is directly related to your subject area on Twitter. These are people who can make up your "personalized learning network" or PLN. Special Education Teacher? #spedchat is for you. Seventh grade teacher? #7thchat is the answer. In fact, these groups often gather at regularly scheduled times to share resources. You can find the SCHEDULE of education chats around hashtags below. We guarantee there's a chat JUST for your group, no matter how specific you think your content might be. Try it out! It's low stress and it's okay just to "lurk" and listen.