So, You Learned to Teach Fully Online....

This spring, we all figured out how to deliver not only our content online but also to create classroom and school-wide communities online. AIMS was here to help! Today is our final tips email for the 2019/2020 school year. We will be back delivering distance education with an eye towards bite-sized, easily implementable pieces when school returns this fall. Here are our final tips and moments of encouragement. Together we're stronger.

Alecia at AIMS

Lessons Learned While Teaching During the Pandemic

Crash course. I think that's probably a good name for what we've all had these last few months. There have been some really positive things that have come out of the shift, and many lessons learned. Gina Denny, in Education Week, took the time to reflect and report on "Six Classroom Changes Teachers Will Make When Schools Reopen." You might find some of them controversial or innovative or somewhere in between? An interesting hot-button? She says she'll stop grading individual assignments for the gradebook. Check out more of her changes below:

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While We Are Rethinking, Let's Include All Voices
Have you been following the #31DaysIBPOC articles? They’re a blog series that spotlighted the voices of Indigenous, Black and People of Color Educators throughout May. Through those conversations, some themes arose about how our new digital environment is recreating and sometimes exacerbating inequities. You can see all the previous posts here, and we could consider these ideas and thoughts as we reimagine next Fall. Here’s a great article from KQED that includes resources and ideas:

If you're gonna make connections which are innovative...you have to NOT have the same bag of experiences as everyone else does.
- Steve Jobs

Let’s do this! If you’re not signed up for one of our SOLD OUT Pop-Up Distance Learning Courses this summer, take the time to reread our Digestibles for Distance Learning again. Here’s the archive. We’re told a lot of you find them useful, so go back and do a little digging now that we have the time to start again.

We hope you have a soothing, refreshing, reinvigorating summer. It’s an exciting time ahead for independent schools. Let’s make it great, together.