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Evaluation Report

**Introduction**

The two sites that I chose to review are <http://www.teachingwithamountainview.com> and <https://earhart.goddardusd.com/49583_3>. Teaching with a Mountain View is a teaching blog that I frequently see pop up online. The other website I found on a list of example classroom sites. It will be really interesting to compare the two websites because I’m sure there is a huge difference in the money put into them.

**Strengths**

Teaching with a Mountain View (TWMV) is very visually appealing. The colors are all bright and cheerful, the background is attractive but not distracting, and the text is easy to read. There are several different fonts used, but they are all readable. The links are easy to use. The main heading on the homepage take you to the different areas of the site, which are also easy to navigate. There are links to other sites (Pinterest, TPT, etc.) that can be useful too. In the task card section, there are lots of photos that show the teacher’s products in use. This is both pleasing to the eye and great content.

The second website that I am evaluating is for Mrs. Haney’s second-grade classroom. Mrs. Haney’s website is really fun! There is more mixed media. I enjoy the gif on her homepage that welcomes parents and students. It’s also very clean and visually appealing. The website is mostly black and white with some pops of color, which is classic. The website is incredibly easy to navigate. I’m sure parents and second graders alike appreciate the ease of locating the different sections of the site. There are a lot of tools for kids to access on the site, too. This makes the website useful, and not just a cute thing to have for parents.

**Weaknesses**

Personally, it really bothers me that the text used for the blog on TWMV looks like Times New Roman. It seems very basic and dated for such a fun, popular blog. Blog posts themselves are a little cumbersome to scroll through. It would be nice if there was a more organized system so that you could look at a particular topic. The biggest issue I have with TWMV is that it is 100% a blog to share teaching ideas and lesson plans/products. There is nothing on this site for parents or students. The teacher that creates these posts probably doesn’t work in a classroom anymore. Making products to sell online is likely her whole job now. I don’t want to create a classroom website that is not for my students and their parents to use.

On Mrs. Haney’s website there are a some different design styles that do not flow well together. For example, the links on the homepage to games/apps that students can access should probably be on another page. They don’t fit with the rest of the page. Also, the school website in general is kind of drab. Mrs. Haney definitely made the best of it though!

**Scenarios**

These websites could be used by other teachers looking for resources to use in their own classrooms. They could look at the lesson plans, flexible seating ideas, or other posts to get ideas.

Another person who may access these websites are parents searching for clarification on how their child is being taught. They make look at the resources provided in order to better help their child with homework or to prepare for a test.

**Feedback**

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