



Mr. Chropka is a fifth grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School where his students use technology in a variety of ways. He uses and integrates technology in the classroom daily. As he creates his lesson plans for the week, Mr. Chropka regularly incorporate PowerPoint, Prezi, links to resources, and other sources such as Google Earth for social studies.

In fifth grade the students play floor football. They draft a team in the National Football League and then research the team to find out educational information about them. For example, they find the team's city, state, population, state bird, flower, animal, and many other relevant facts. Students also complete other worksheets which include detailed research on what they find on the web. Another way Mr. Chropka incorporates technology in the classroom is by using the Qwizdom clickers. These clickers are used as a response system for the students to answer questions that he creates on a PowerPoint presentation. This program allows him to observe and print their results, check their answers and individualize his instruction based on the results. This system also allows certain students to respond who normally would not in a traditional classroom setting. Mr. Chropka uses Delicious.com to bookmark valuable resources for his students to access during computer lab time as well as in the classroom.

Mr. Chropka is planning to finish his Master of Education in Technology degree with an Instructional Technology Specialist Certification by the end of next summer. Even though he is unable to forecast the future, Mr. Chropka foresee this generation of students using technology as a daily necessity. He is hoping to give them all of the tools and guidance they need to be successful with technology in their future.