

# Building Community

## Tips for Creating a Classroom Blog

“It only takes me a minute, and every parent checks it every week”

A Sunday School Teacher-Blogger

### **Talk to your Principal or Education Director before setting up a blog.**

Check that any necessary photo release forms have been signed.

To create your own classroom blog, visit one of several free blogging sites such as blogger (recommended for its ease of use), set up an account, and follow the on screen prompts to create a basic blog.

- If your blog hosting site allows you to make your blog private, do so. You will be able to post photos without parents having to worry about whom is seeing their children online.
- Make sure to disallow comments or set them up to be moderated by you.
- Let parents know the URL (your blog address) in an email so they can link to it easily.
- Remember to update regularly by writing 2-3 sentences about what the class as a whole did in school.
- Occasionally engage the students in writing copy for the blog postings.
- Use the statistics feature to find out if your parents are checking in. If not, communicate with them to find out what you can change to engage them better.
- Consider having your madrich take pictures during class to include in your blog posting.
- Link to your school's website.

