

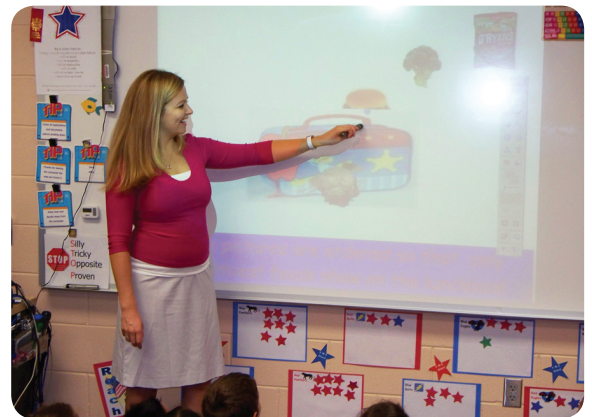


Collier County Public Schools, Florida Mimio technology takes whiteboards from ordinary to interactive

Kindergarten students in Collier County, Florida, practice math skills via learning activities on an interactive whiteboard, but they're not the only ones having fun. "We are just as excited about teaching with Mimio interactive as the students are about learning with it," teacher Michelle Robau says.

Along with colleagues throughout her school and district, Robau has embraced the many features of the MimioTeach™ interactive whiteboard, which can be found in each of the district's 3,000 classrooms. According to Instructional Technology Specialist Lindy George, Mimio was chosen over other vendors because its system connects directly to a PC or Mac and integrates easily with existing whiteboards, ceiling-mounted video projectors, document cameras, audio systems, and DVD/VCR players. Setup is quick and easy—in no time, you can start teaching interactively. The MimioTeach whiteboard is the centerpiece of the MimioClassroom™ suite of teaching technologies, which includes assessment systems, document cameras, ink recorders, and a wireless pen tablet.

"It was important to the county that every classroom have access to interactive technology that would engage students in their learning," George says. The system brings lessons alive, connects students to websites and videos, and captivates students as they learn.



Teach interactive lessons, poll students, save notes, and more

"With Mimio, I am able to pace my lesson to keep all students engaged—even when working with hands-on activities," kindergarten teacher Donna Condee says. "Introducing math concepts with Mimio is so much more effective than just using small math manipulatives. With Mimio, I can model the lesson so that all students can see and have an equal opportunity to participate. It keeps them focused and interested."

With a MimioTeach interactive whiteboard and a projector, teachers can control desktop applications and documents directly from the board. They can also teach on the move with the MimioPad™ wireless pen tablet, poll students on lesson comprehension with MimioVote™ assessment, and save notes and drawings that can be shared or integrated into other materials with MimioCapture™ ink recorder.

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“We love using MimioPad,” Robau says. “It allows us to move around the room and monitor students during Mimio lessons without approaching the whiteboard and getting in the visual field of students.”

The MimioPad pen tablet also scores high grades with teacher Robert Tiberio, whose 9th and 10th grade geometry and algebra students benefit from it and other MimioClassroom products. “MimioPad helps students get involved without walking to the front of the room,” he explains. “MimioView allows me to show examples from books or worksheets to the class, and the zoom feature helps students see clearly. I also use MimioView to transfer documents into my lessons quickly.”

Mimio offers comprehensive resources and ongoing professional development

Teachers throughout the district access the MimioConnect® website to share lessons and templates, which can be modified by colleagues to suit their particular needs.

“We create a lot of our own Mimio lessons to introduce new concepts,” Condee notes. “We share these lessons with kindergarten teachers across Collier County. We can’t imagine teaching without it.”

In addition to extensive online resources, Mimio offers a variety of excellent staff development and training programs. To accommodate the different learning styles and time constraints of teachers, training is offered in person, online, and through blended models. George says that this array of training opportunities is key to the Mimio-Collier County success story.

Teachers who participate in these sessions quickly master equipment features – such as how to use a Mimio stylus to control computer applications and documents directly from the whiteboard. They also learn how to use the MimioStudio™ classroom software to:

- Import PowerPoint, Word, and PDF files into MimioStudio Notebook
- Annotate websites, presentations, and more
- Browse educational websites and the Internet
- Create interactive lessons

“The biggest benefit for me is I can save every note I’ve taken or video I’ve captured and make them available to students later,” Tiberio said. “If they’re at home, at a game, or on the bus, they can access the information right away. And if they only need to review one thing, they can fast-forward through everything else and find what they need.”

For more information about Mimio teaching technology, educational software, and training, please visit mimio.com.