

Getting started with Apple tools in the classroom

Try out Apple tools with teaching tasks in mind, then think about how they might work in your classroom.



Device Requirements: Some Apple Intelligence features require compatible Apple devices with the latest software updates. Check Apple's current [device compatibility list](#) to ensure your iPhone, iPad, or Mac supports these features before beginning these activities. There are activities on this list for everyone.

Engage

Here's how to approach this:

- Look through the Apple Intelligence tools table and find which ones might be useful for you right now.
- Pick 2–3 tools to try (no need to do everything at once).
- Follow the “Try it out” suggestions for the tools you chose.

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Investigate

Apple tool	What it does	Try it out
Writing Tools (Available in Pages, Notes, Mail, Messages)	Helps you rewrite, proofread, and summarize text with different tones and styles	• Email to Parents: Use the “Professional” tone to write parent communications about field trips or classroom updates. • Lesson Plan Summary: Turn standards into key bullet points. • Student Feedback: Make feedback comments more encouraging while staying constructive. • Newsletter Content: Proofread and adjust tone for school newsletter articles.

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Smart Reply (Messages, Mail)	Suggests quick, appropriate responses for you	• Quick Parent Responses: Try it out when responding to common parent questions (pickup changes, assignment clarifications). • Student Check-ins: Get help crafting appropriate responses to student messages about assignments or concerns. • Colleague Communication: Use it to respond to requests and meeting invitations.

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Apple tool	What it does	Try it out
Siri	An intelligent assistant that’s built into iPhone, iPad, and Mac, made to accelerate everyday tasks. With Apple Intelligence, Siri is designed to be more natural and helpful — Siri will understand if you stumble over your words while making a request, and can help answer thousands of questions about Apple devices and settings. And Siri can tap into ChatGPT to get broad world knowledge.	• Lesson Planning: “Siri, remind me to review the quiz results this evening.” • Classroom Management: Set and name timers for concurrent class activities, such as when to rotate between learning stations and when students may need to step out to meet with a specialist. • Professional Development: Ask for references to current educational research topics and computer science standards.

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Apple tool	What it does	Try it out
Priority Notifications	Shows you the most important notifications first, based on what's happening	• Work-Life Balance: Set it up to prioritize urgent school communications during work hours. • Parent Communication: Choose which parent messages get your attention right away vs. ones that can wait.

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Apple tool	What it does	Try it out
Photo Organization and Memory Creation	Automatically organizes your photos and creates memory collections	• Classroom Documentation: Organize photos from field trips, science experiments, or art projects. • Student Portfolios: Use the memory features to pull together semester highlights. • Parent Sharing: Create organized collections of classroom activities to share with families.

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Apple tool	What it does	Try it out
Notes App Enhancements	Better organization, search, and content suggestions	• Use the improved organization, search, and content suggestions while working in Notes.

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Genmoji and Image Playground	Create custom emoji and images using text descriptions	• Classroom Communication: Make subject-specific emoji for feedback (a custom “great job” emoji, science experiment emoji). • Student Engagement: Create fun, curriculum-related emoji and images for announcements or assignments. • Visual Learning Aids: Make simple illustrations for lessons (historical figures, scientific concepts, story characters). • Creative Projects: Show students how AI can be used for creative expression in appropriate ways at school. • Classroom Branding: Design custom visual elements for classroom newsletters, websites, or displays.

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Apple tool	What it does	What it gives you	Try it out
ChatGPT Integration	Connects ChatGPT from OpenAI with Siri and Writing Tools when you need extra capabilities	• Siri can use ChatGPT for certain requests, including questions about photos or documents • Compose in Writing Tools lets you create and illustrate original content from scratch • You decide when ChatGPT gets used, and you'll be asked before any information is shared • Works for free without creating an account (paid subscribers can connect their accounts for extra features)	• Creating Lesson Content: Use Compose to generate initial drafts of explanations or examples, then make them your own for your students. • Photo Analysis: Ask Siri with ChatGPT to help you understand what's happening in classroom photos or student work. • Understanding Complex Documents: Get help making sense of complicated educational documents or research papers. • Brainstorming Activities: Generate ideas for classroom activities, then adapt them to fit your specific situation and values. • Professional Learning: Ask detailed questions about educational topics or teaching strategies.

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Act

Take some time to try out these tools.

- Which tool felt most natural to you?
- Which tool could save you the most time in your current workflow?
- What concerns do you have about using these tools in your classroom?
- How do these tools fit with your core values from the earlier activity?
- What ideas does this give you for ways you might use the tools in the future?