

# FEATURE TEACHER

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### **How do you support building a positive and safe online learning environment for your students?**

Teaching and modeling how to treat others.

### **Do you have a super awesome success story from 2020?**

I have had time to really play and work in iMovie. Since the pandemic started I have learned how to make and edit workout videos for my students. There are so many features I had no clue existed! I am very comfortable and have been making more videos that my students love. My latest was an Among Us workout video.

### **What do you do to encourage online classroom participation?**

- I try to make things as fun as possible so students want to participate.
- I did a sports trivia meeting that students loved. I even had former students ask to join in with their siblings.
- Since sports trivia was a hit, we also did a Christmas trivia meeting.
- Once you get them enjoying the meetings they are more likely to join and get some work done.

### **Parent Communication... What's working for your families?**

I mostly communicate through Schoology. Parents have been so supportive and understanding.

### **What methods have been effective in teaching during a pandemic?**

Finding fun active videos that spark students interests has worked well so far. We have done holiday themes and football/Super Bowl themes that were a hit. I always ask them for feedback so I can get an idea if they are enjoying the assignments. I ask them what they liked the most, least and something personal -who they wanted to win the Super Bowl, what their favorite Valentine's candy is, what they got for Christmas etc.

### **Share something positive about teaching in 2020.**

Teaching smaller class sizes has made it easier really getting to know my students. I have learned more about them and what their interests are and try to find activities that they will enjoy.