

## STEPS TO STARTING YOUR CLASSROOM WEBSITE

- Find out what your school's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) says. In my case, my website is completely independent from the school, so they don't monitor it or control it, but they do require that I only post things that are "professionally appropriate."
- Sign up for a FREE account through Blogger. It's a Google product so if you have a gmail account, you are ready to go!
- Give your website a title. I use *Classroom At The End of the Hall* for mine. Choose a Layout Template. I like mine plain and simple.
- Create a post. You can add pictures and videos. I encourage you to start with photos and text and then move into videos and vokis as you feel more confident.

### What is the difference between my web blog and my Wikispace?

My Wikispace is like Wikipedia in that students can contribute to it. We complete book discussions on the Wiki and have "conversations" to which we can add our knowledge as we learn. The Wiki allows for homework to be done online and independent of the classroom setting. It's such a great learning tool for students to use.

### Want to see a few educational Wikis?

<http://educationalwikis.wikispaces.com/Examples+of+educational+wikis>

### Still not convinced that you should create a classroom website or blog?

Here's a great article (Wiki) that gives you some great reasons to use one in your classroom: <http://supportblogging.com/Educational+Blogging>