

Steps to Creating a Classroom Website

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The steps that I took to get the website up and running:

I love technology, but building a website can become quite a tedious and frustrating task. It was better for me to go through a hosting company in order for me to build my site. **WARNING:** Once you start, building a website can become addictive. I am constantly uploading and making changes to my site.

1. Selecting what you want to include on your website is the hardest part. Once selected, you should turn all of your Word documents into PDFs. The newer versions of Microsoft Word have this feature or you can find a program through Google that will help you with this process. It is important for you to do this, because when you upload your documents to your site, you do not want anyone making any changes to your documents.
2. I created an account through GoDaddy.com and then started building my website. There are several plans to select. It just depends on how much you are willing to spend.
3. The process of building the website through GoDaddy is quite easy. There is a step-by-step process, and if you need help, there are people willing to help you. I found GoDaddy to be an easy way in which to build a website, but there are other places that do offer FREE hosting.

Important: If you do decide to load any pictures of students, then please have them as well as their parents or guardians sign a consent request. This is to protect you and your students.

Reasons Why I Created the Website:

1. Students and parents will know my expectations and procedures in the classroom.
2. Students can access any materials that they might have lost.
3. The students are aware of what has occurred in the classroom in case they are absent.
4. Sometimes you can teach just from your site, especially if you upload PowerPoint presentations.
5. It is just a really cool idea and helpful practice. The website helps fellow teachers generate ideas for their own webpages. A website is your baby; it is something of which you can be proud, and it can be a great resource to others. (My link can be found at <http://hickmanm.com> . The following is my first page.)

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Great Books

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