SAMPLE LEARNING SPACE POST:

UNIT 2

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Nicole Walker’s Post on WeVideo tool

I have to be honest...I like to watch YouTube videos, but I don’t have the patience to make my own videos. So, I wanted to find a tool that is easy to use and is free. The tool I found is, WeVideo, at www.wevideo.com; I found the tool through a review on PCWorld website (http://www.pcworld.com/article/2030644/review-wevideo-is-a-cloud-based-video-editor-that-makes-editing-in-your-browser-fun-and-simple.html). The WeVideo website says that it was created for children in an educational setting (“About us,” n.d.), so I assumed it would be easy for an adult to use. I just used my Gmail account to sign up. I didn’t have to download any software since all the work is done online, and you can also save all your files on the internet. This might be a negative point if you don’t always have access to the internet, but at least the video files don’t take up space on your computer. I watched the five-minute tutorial, which looked professional (unlike some tutorials that look to be recorded in someone’s home office).

As for the tool itself, I really appreciated that it has two modes for building a video, Storyboard (novice) and Timeline (advanced). Storyboard lets you select all the videos/images you want in the video, drag them into the storyboard line-up, and then select a theme. After that, the tool does all the work of adding music and transitions. You would want the Timeline option if you need to edit the video clips you’re putting in the larger video. For example, I have a clip of my son playing soccer, but it is over five-minutes long, which is kind of boring in some parts. With the storyboard version of the tool, I have to use the whole clip in my video. With the Timeline option, I can edit out parts of the video. What is really cool, though, is the “themes” that I can apply to the video. I would never be able to do this on my own. Some of the themes change the overall coloring, like adding a blue tint, or they add transitions, like fading in. I could spend hours just trying all their themes.

What I didn’t like with the tool is somewhat my own fault, but frustrating nonetheless. I was watching the training video, but not actually creating the video like they told me to. (I just wanted to know how to create a video, and not actually create the video right now since I have schoolwork to do!) As I got towards the end of the video, it asked me about giving the video a
title and publishing it, so I just typed “whatever” so that the question would go away and I could focus on the training video. Well, it wanted to create my video then (which was actually nothing since I didn’t add anything to my blank video) and I tried to click back to before the question appeared, and then the training video disappeared before I was done watching it. What this all comes down to is that I couldn’t easily find the training video again because I closed the tutorial before it told me where to find the tutorial again. So, if you need the tutorial, just look in the bottom left corner for the question mark in a circle, and click it!

I think I would like to use this software to pull together my photos/videos of my son’s soccer season, so I can put the still shots and videos with text explaining each visual (e.g., Game 1…we won!). He loves to see how he and his team improve throughout the season. I haven’t thought about using it in a professional setting because I’d want to play around with the tool first.

References