

Tuesday, April 21st

Good morning and welcome back, everyone! Thank you for continuing to share your tips, resources, and bits of joy with us!

Maddie & Corbett

Teacher Tip: Focusing on core skills

@MrsRiley argues that in an environment like the one we're facing right now, [focusing on revision and repetition](#) to ensure students master core skills is not a bad thing. [Insert Smiley Face emoji]

Teacher Tip: Hinge Questions

You know that question you ask in the middle of an activity to see who's ready to move on? It's called a "hinge" question and good ones are a great way to quickly assess and differentiate your instruction and assessment. [Evidence-Based Education](#) provides a great summary in this [HINGE QUESTIONS DESCRIBED](#) article.

Reminder: 7th Grade Global Goals

Global Goals is back! You may recall that last year, 7th graders presented in your classes about one of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. They introduced your students to the UN, the SDGs, the goal they researched, and two countries - one "model" country that was doing well in addressing the goal, and one country in need of that goal. The project has been modified slightly for Online Town. Find out more and sign up [here!](#)

Tech Tip: Luna Display

For anyone with two Apple devices, Jimena recommends using the [Luna Display](#) to turn one of them into a monitor.

Reminder: Harry Potter Book Club

The first meeting of the all-employee Harry Potter Book Club is approaching! We will discuss HP and the Sorcerer's Stone Book 1 - which is free on Audible and available through SFPL (we all now have!) - but more importantly, we will brainstorm ways to have equitable and effective book groups during Online Town. We will meet via Zoom at 4:30 on Wednesday 4/29. Reach out to Rebeccah if you'd like to participate!

Protect Yourself and Others!

Need more masks for your essential activities? Jennifer Liu shares her sister-in-law's [hand-sewn masks](#) for your browsing pleasure. Cute patterns and fast shipping!

Restock Your Kitchen: Cheese

Brill recommends [Uplands Cheese](#), owned and operated by a friend and now sending their tasty products nationwide!

Reminder: Town Happy Hour Friday!

You made it through another week! To celebrate, join your colleagues for a convivial Zoom Friday afternoon at 5pm. [Link here!](#)

REFERENCE RESOURCES

[Online Town: Resources for Teachers](#)

[TSB Online Resource drive folder from Brillopad](#)

[Tech Fairies Homepage](#)

[Free Offerings from our Wellness Committee](#)

[Library.townschool.com](#) is constantly updated with free books and databases.

[DEI Resources from Jennifer Liu and Flora](#)