

Instructional Technology Center Keep on Learning!

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Welcome to the KOL Newsletter

Welcome to the February Edition of the ITC Keep on Learning Newsletter. This month we feature a Valentines tribute to OneNote. If you have ever attended one of Dr. Grissom's learning sessions you know he is a huge fan of note-taking with OneNote. Imagine being able to access all of your notes from any class you have ever taken at EIU on your mobile phone, with OneNote you can!

Dr. Grissom models the use of educational note-taking by presenting and sharing content with OneNote. Having access to real-time notes provides a feeling of relief for many students knowing that they can access the material for later reference and study.

If you have ever tried taking notes from a professor that provides information at a rapid pace you will appreciate having an exact copy of the professor notes during, and after the class is over. With OneNote this is possible, and encouraged.

As educators we often talk about "cognitive load" and how it affects ones ability to learn new content. If students are so busy transcribing lecture notes then the less likely a student will be able to pay attention and focus on the content being delivered. Teachers can help lessen this extraneous cognitive load by sharing class notes with their students.

Another bonus, since OneNote is a digital notebook any links to websites or other Internet resources are clickable. This is great when sharing Internet resources with others, no more writing down long URLs and hoping you have correctly transcribed everything.



When you visit the main ITC webpage (eiu.edu/itc) you will find a link named OneNote Notebooks. Click on the link and you will find the most recent shared notebooks Dr. Grissom has made available

to all EIU faculty, staff, and students, along with older archived digital notebooks of semesters past.

Ode to OneNote

In its simplest form OneNote is described as a digital 3ring binder and is considered to be the Swiss Army Knife for note-taking. Everyone understands the simple organizational concept of a 3-ring binder and familiarity is one of the strengths of OneNote.



If you are not yet using OneNote for your teaching and learning you are missing out on one of the best teaching and learning tools available today. Everyone at EIU; all faculty, staff, and students

have free access to OneNote through their Office 365 login. I recently authored a OneNote blog article inspired by Valentine's Day. Here is an abbreviated version:

Oh OneNote, How do I love thee:

- 1. I love thee for organization.
- 2. I love thee for sharing content.
- 3. I love thee for presenting content.
- 4. I love thee for yielding to the pedagogy.
- 5. I love thee for letting me be messy with digital ink.
- 6. I love thee for cutting the wires that allow me to roam freely and access any notebook no matter where I am.
- 7. I love thee for letting me conduct a symphony of learning using multiple devices.
- 8. I love thee for searching and tagging.
- I love thee for the Classroom Notebook, the "SuperNotebook of Notebooks".
- 10. Most of all, I love thee for letting me be me.

If you would like to learn more about OneNote and see the complete details with links to many OneNote resources, the original post can be found at: https://docs.com/dr-grissom/8872/oh-onenote-how-do-i-love-thee-let-me-count-the