Technology Assignment 2 (Reflection1)

I am observing a fifth grade reading/language arts/social studies class, so there are many opportunities to use technology. The school, as a whole, uses technology daily through their morning announcements and 10-minute wellness session. Wellness and the announcements are done through a television broadcast in each classroom. So, every day each student has interaction with technology at least in the mornings.

When I am in my classroom observing, the students are doing reading. They use the three computers to do Accelerated Reader quizzes as the students read books. They also just recently started “centers” when they first begin the day. Their desks are split up into groups around the classroom (every day they are in groups) and each group works on a different “center.” One of the centers is working on the computer. They work on interactive online games and regular computer games in order to excel in reading. Ms. Fallos uses an Elmo in order to give directions to assignments and for the student’s warm-up each morning. They have just recently began using a smart board. This gives a great opportunity for the students to be interactive.
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I plan on using technology for my student’s warm-ups when they first enter the classroom. I think it is a good way for each of them to get started and get their brains thinking. If I have an Elmo, that is what I will use for this part of the day. I have just learned about making video’s for lessons in order to introduce a unit or topic. Making a TEASe, or a video, is a great way to transition into something new that will be discussed. Also, depending on my school district and the amount of money we have, I plan on using a Smart Board to make my classroom very interactive. I think that is a great way for students to practice grammar and writing. Also, it could be a way to learn language arts.

I think having background music during certain activities is also a great way to incorporate technology. It can help students who have a musical intelligence. The computer lab is something I will use to my advantage. I think it is important for learners to know how to research and find information online, and a great way for them to learn is for me to teach them. I think it is a great idea to have some sort of wellness each morning before school starts. So, if the school doesn’t do that as a whole, I would like to use a workout video each morning, for about 10 minutes, to get the day going.