**Module #2: Digital Story Telling- Little Bird Tales**

**Introduction:** Teachers who bring digital storytelling into the classroom are discovering what makes this vehicle for expression worth the effort. They watch students gain proficiency in writing and research, visual literacy, critical thinking, and collaboration. They see students take part in a range of learning styles. Of course, they also see students make authentic use of technology. Sometimes, they even hear students discover the power of their own voice. –Suzie Boss, Edutopia

**Instructions:**

For this module, you will create a **digital story book**, with or without the help of your students, relating to your content. You may use any digital storybook creator you wish; however, I will tailor this tutorial to **Little Bird Tales.**

1. Go to [www.littlebirdtales.com](http://www.littlebirdtales.com) and watch the tutorial video provided.
	1. What I love about this digital storybook program is that is permits uploads and voice over. You can truly capture your student’s creativity with these options.
2. After watching the video select, “**create an account**.”
	1. Be sure to sign up as a teacher so that you can import students under you if you intend to have your students create books on their own eventually.
	2. Once you log in you will find options on importing students, managing classes, etc. We will not be concerned with that for now.
3. Little Bird Tales provides you with 25 MB for free which is not a lot; however, it should be enough to build at least one book. If you end up liking it you can upgrade to a premium account for $24.99 for one year or use another email address to make additional accounts!
4. Start by selecting “**create a tale**.”
	1. The first page you create is the **cover page**. You have the option of uploading pictures you have your students working on in class, or creating them from scratch.
		1. To create from scratch select “**draw**.”
		2. To import files select “**upload**.”
			1. I see the upload option being more applicable for whole class participation.
				1. Due to limited student access to computers at the Elementary.
				2. Not as much of an issue at the JH and HS
			2. Abilities of student at each grade level will guide you here. I imagine some classes could:
				1. Develop their own story and have each student contribute a visual for his/her part of the story as well as provide the voice recording describing their part.
				2. Read an existing story and come up with an alternative ending.
				3. Read an existing story and draw pictures illustrating the story then properly sequencing them in the storybook.
				4. Math: Have students illustrate and explain word problems they created, etc…
	2. When you are finished with your cover page, select “**save and continue**.”
5. The next blank page will appear and you have the same options available.
	1. A bonus feature for each additional page is that you are permitted to add text similar to an actual book.
6. When your book is complete you can preview it, purchase it, and share it with others.
	1. After previewing you will find an “embed code” option which will provide you a link to copy and send it to parents, and me so that we can share them on our school **Facebook page**!

**If you need a microphone for this project, please let me know and I will be happy to get one for you!**