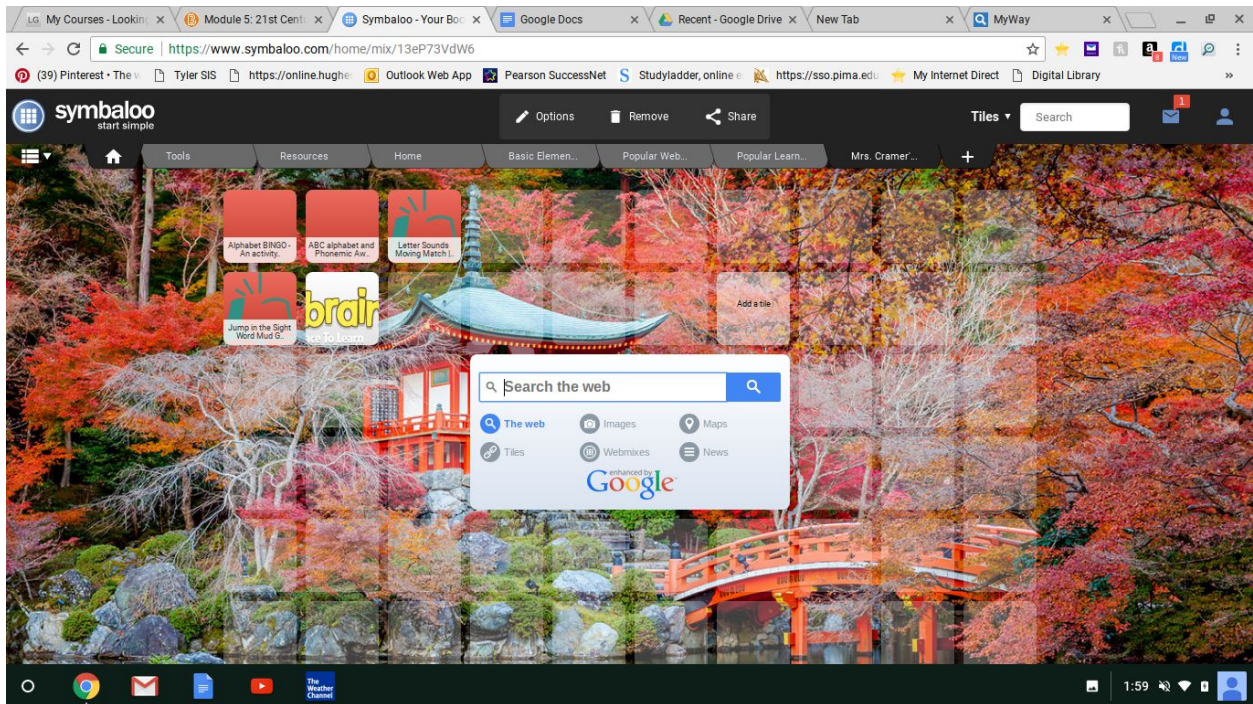
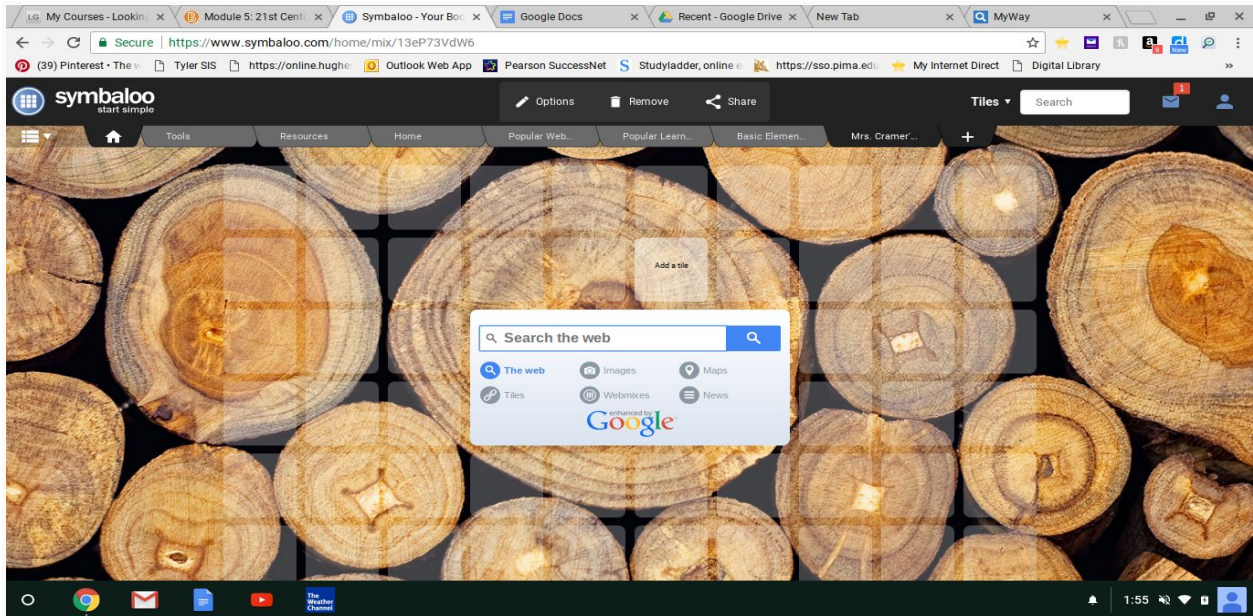
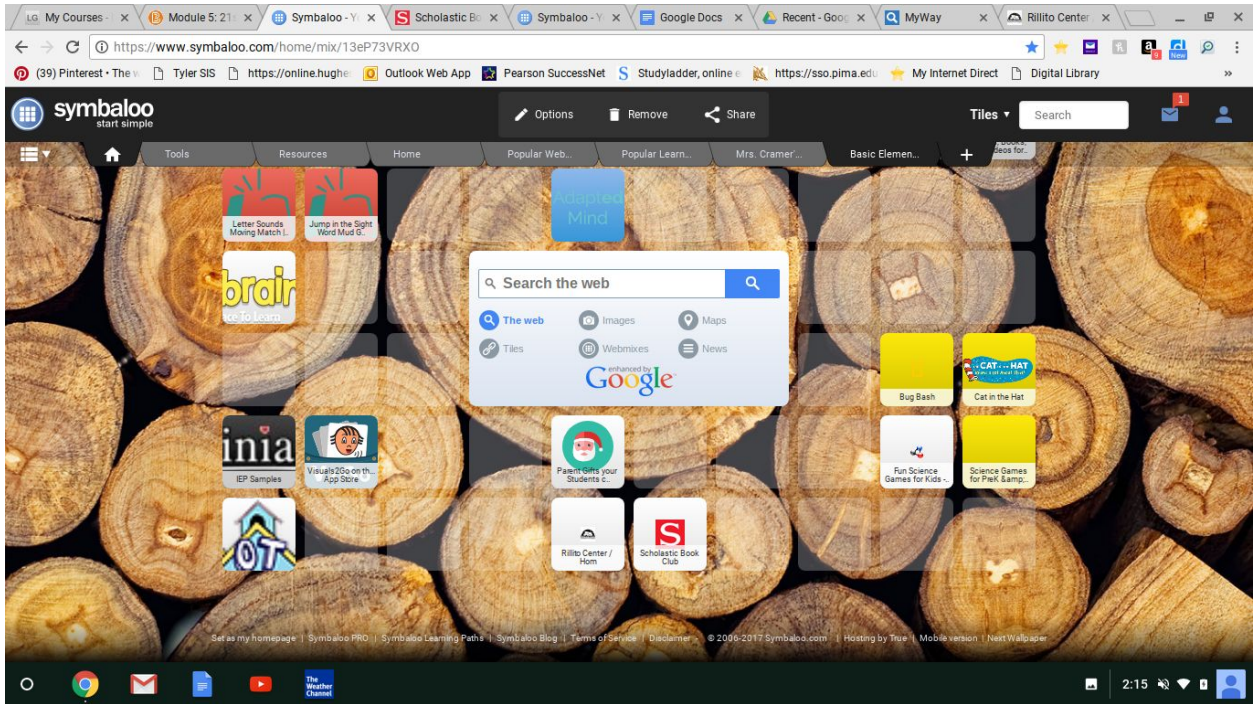
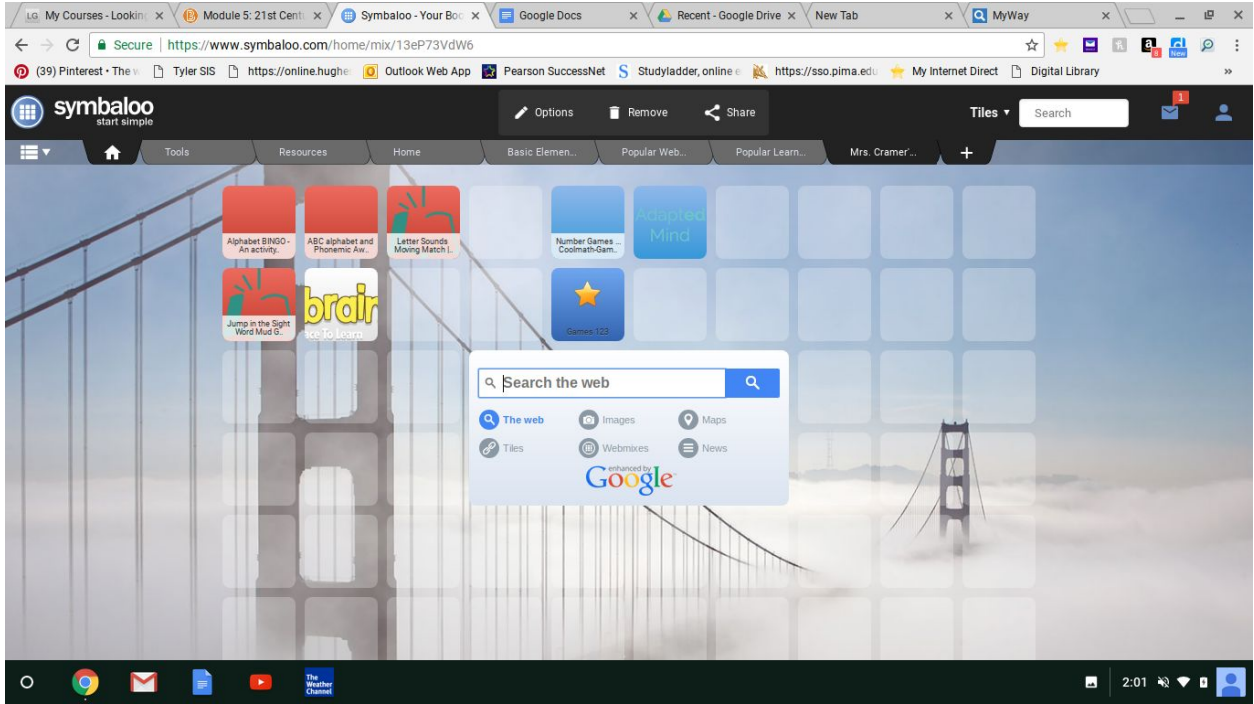
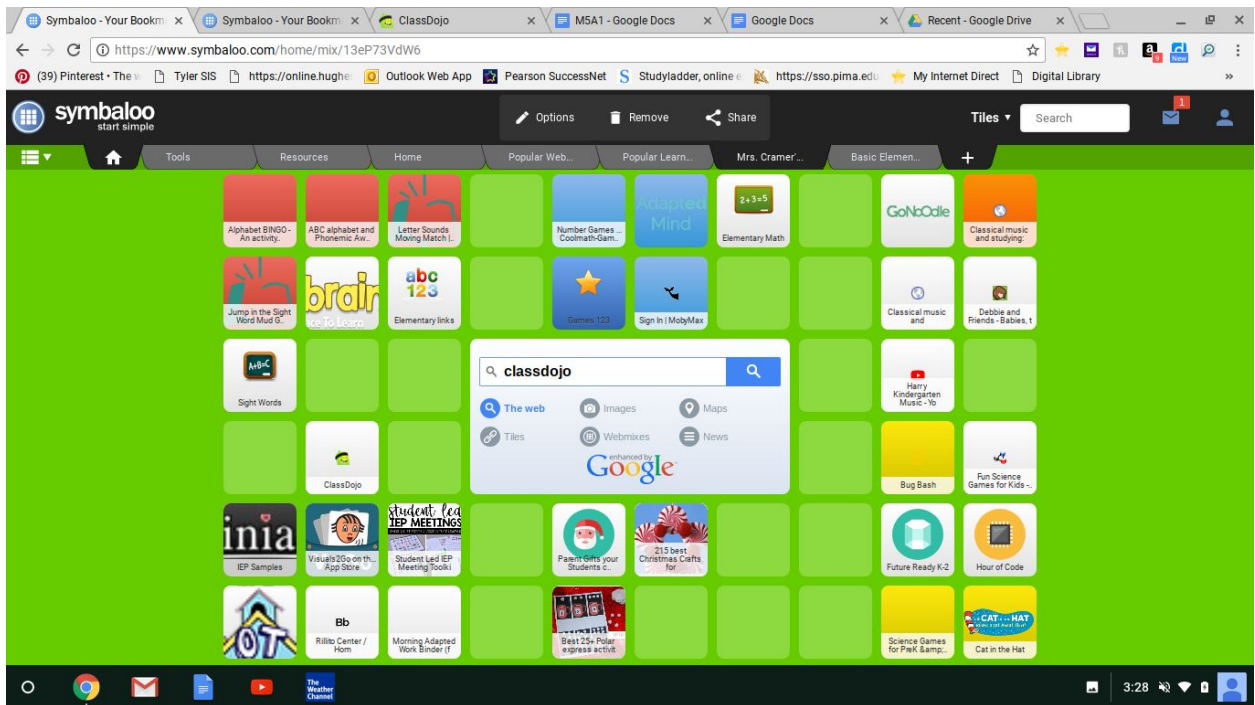
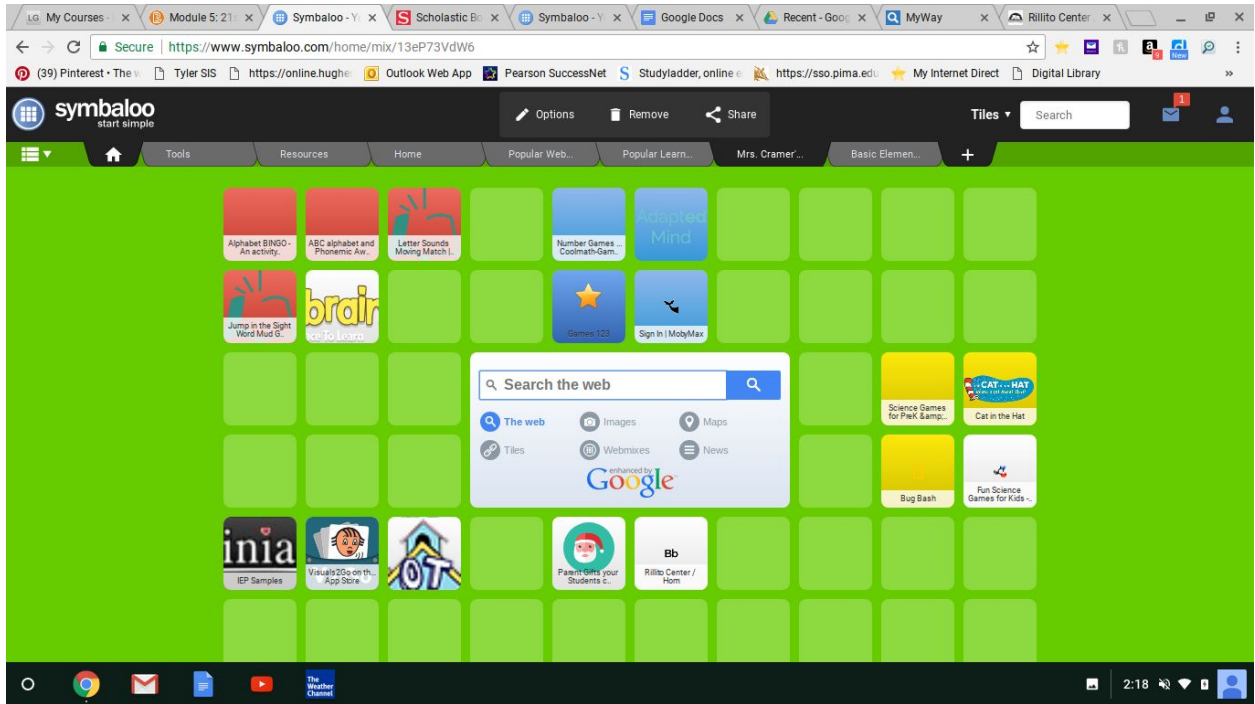


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## How to make a Symbaloo Webpage







I was not comfortable when I started on Symbaloo. I took my laptop to my 20+ year old sons to assist me. They seemed to know what to do naturally (which was irritating!). When they explained it as opening a tab or an app, it made more sense. It took me many tries to feel comfortable with it. I looked at the examples on edublogger and it helped me. I think the best help was to spend time playing around with it. Now I love it. I can see using this in the classroom with the students. This can be a great resource of information that can be displayed on the smartboard.

I'm moving to a special needs school. I don't know the IEPs or abilities of my new students, so I looked at kindergarten skill levels. I started with pre-reading and reading skills. I tried to keep my categories color coded. I can see using this in the classroom and asking a student to open to a website. I have one webmix now. I can see having a page for each area of interest. Especially when it comes to craft ideas and seasonal lessons.

I found the changing background too busy for me, so I changed it to one color. I use music often in my classroom, so I added several music tiles. I can see a student picking the type of song (quiet for study time, Gonoodle for transitions or a brain-break). I think most students enjoy being in charge of something in the classroom. I think they could earn that privilege with good behavior.

When I realized that I could add Teachers Pay Teachers, Pinterest and other craft ideas, well, that's when I fell in love. It seems so easy now. I'm so excited to share this site with other teachers. I think this really could be part of your teacher website (a

must in my district). Many parents ask for good websites to practice math facts or reading fluency, I think they would really appreciate seeing it all in one spot.

I can see my current middle school students finding information for an animal research project and keeping that information together on Symbaloo. My students are much more comfortable with technology than I am. I think they could create their own mix of learning tiles. I'm sure at home, they would have tiles that are less educational, such as Netflix. I think they could easily make their own webmix for themselves. I don't think my future students will be able to do that.

I found websites that had good ideas for communication board pictures, picture schedules and student led IEPs. When I found these in the past, I've written it down or hoped I didn't forget where I saw it. Now I can add a tile and it is there for future use.

I already have many pins on my Pinterest boards. That is more of a site to save ideas, as least for me. I do go back to it often (like for the upcoming holidays, I'll look at the saved sites from last year). Symbaloo is a better site for students to view and easily see what is available for them to choose from. I plan to put a link to Symbaloo on my teacher website. This will make the resources available to the student's parent in an easy to see and find location.

Students are using 21st century learning skills when they do group work and research. I can see that using sites like Symbaloo can assist students to work together to create projects and so much more. It's important that teachers focus on students

using these deeper thinking skills. Using Symbaloo or another site to save information will be very useful to the students and their teachers.

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