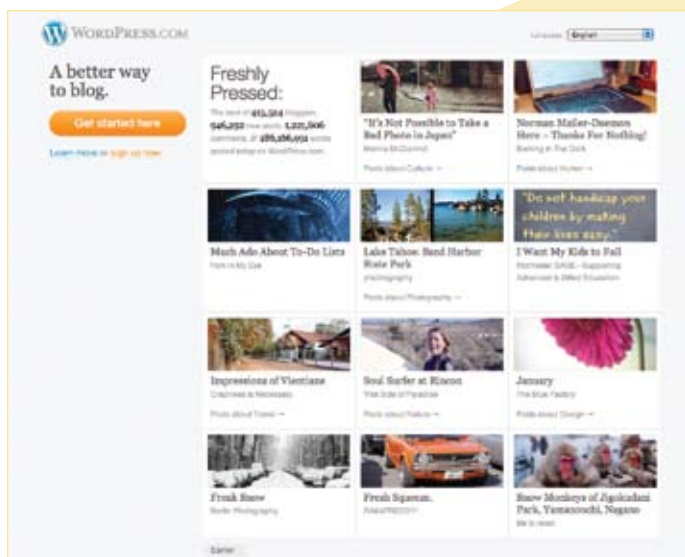


# What Are Your Summer Goals?



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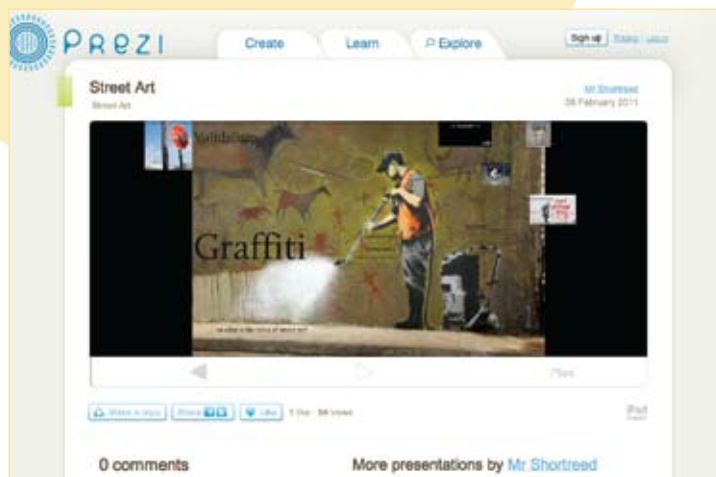
Summer is a great time to step back and reflect on your teaching and learn something new. Here are a few technology ideas to try so you're ready to implement one or more in the next school year.

## Gather an Online Video Collection in Fifteen Minutes

If you have access to YouTube at school, creating playlists can help you get all of your teaching resources from YouTube in order. Learn how to create your own playlist with this tutorial: [youtu.be/47q3keXizYo](http://youtu.be/47q3keXizYo). If YouTube is blocked at your school, try downloading videos from home to use at school with tools such as Zamzar ([www.zamzar.com](http://www.zamzar.com)).

## Start a Blog in Thirty Minutes

Blogging can be a great way to promote your art program or connect with other art educators online. I recommend using [wordpress.com](http://wordpress.com) or [blogger.com](http://blogger.com). Both blogging platforms are free and easy to navigate. Blogs also contain privacy settings if you only want certain people to see your blog. There are several blog tutorials available online at [bit.ly/blogtutorials](http://bit.ly/blogtutorials).



## Create a Video Lesson in Under Forty-Five Minutes

Simply demonstrate a concept or technique in front of a video camera and use iMovie or Moviemaker to edit it. Store the video by burning it to a DVD or uploading it to YouTube. You now have a video substitute teacher plan for students to follow along or use as a transitional activity for early finishers. See how an art sub plan was developed based on the book *Tar Beach* by artist Faith Ringgold ([bit.ly/tarbeach](http://bit.ly/tarbeach)).

## Learn Prezi in an Hour

Take a break from PowerPoint and create an amazing presentation using

the online presentation tool Prezi ([prezi.com](http://prezi.com)). Share your presentation with others or use an already created Prezi such as the history and meaning of totem poles ([bit.ly/prezitetem](http://bit.ly/prezitetem)), or a Prezi about street art ([bit.ly/prezistreetart](http://bit.ly/prezistreetart)). Need some Prezi tips? Try out the cheat sheets on "Prezi for Dummies" ([bit.ly/prezicheatsheet](http://bit.ly/prezicheatsheet)).

Set a summer goal to learn a new tech tool and use it in the fall! These tools don't take as long as you think to figure out. 🙄

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