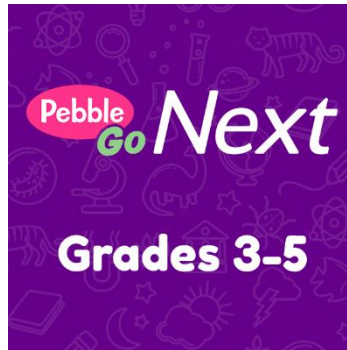# PebbleGo Next Trainer Guide

2 Contact Hours

Optional Training Activities
- Optional training activities are estimated to add 105 minutes to the original training time and include the minutes indicated for the original activity.

Learning Objectives

Participants in the PebbleGo Next class will achieve eight objectives:
- Understand the importance of using digital text, print, and other media in a primary curriculum.
- Find PebbleGo Next on the INFOhio website: www.infohio.org.
- Use the navigational tools to search for the best content for students and instruction.
- Find instructional supports available for the resource.
- Identify best practices for using PebbleGo Next in the classroom.
- Consider methods for sharing PebbleGo Next with parents.
- Create a lesson plan to integrate PebbleGo Next into instruction.
- Reflect on learning by sharing information with others.

In this course, participants will work through several lessons to learn how to access INFOhio's subscription to PebbleGo Next, how to use it, and how to integrate it into classroom teaching. Below is a description of each lesson and the amount of time it should take for participants to complete each one.

Getting Started

Pretest

- **Lesson Content**

    Take a quiz to find out what you know or need to know about PebbleGo Next.
    (5 minutes)

Welcome to the PebbleGo Next Class

- **Lesson Content**

  Review the course objectives and the course overview. (5 minutes)

Optional Training Activity

- To begin, review the objectives found in Getting Started: Welcome to the PebbleGo Next Class lesson. Give each participant a copy of the **KWL chart** found in the Exercise Files in the class. Ask them to fill in the first two columns with any information they know already (K) and to add at least two things they hope to learn in the second column (W). (10 minutes)

Using Open Space Groups

- **Lesson Content**

  Join the Reading on the Screen group in Open Space. In this group, discuss and reflect on the integration of this resource into the classroom with like-minded educators. (5 minutes)

Optional Training Activity

- Take time to explore the [Reading on the Screen group](#) in Open Space. Have each participant join the group and review the Discussion questions posted in the group. (5 minutes)

How to Use PebbleGo Next

Getting to Know PebbleGo Next

- **Lesson Content**

  Read facts about PebbleGo Next, practice the steps needed to access the resource on www.infohio.org, and watch a short video to understand some of the features found in the resource. Think about what you learned by answering questions. (15 minutes)

Optional Training Activities

- In the Getting to Know PebbleGo Next lesson, conduct a live demonstration using a projector describing how to access PebbleGo Next at www.infohio.org. If participants have a device, they can practice along with you. Then, project the PebbleGo Next webinar on the screen. Discuss the main assets of PebbleGo Next and direct participants to take notes in the L column of the KWL chart. (30 minutes)
- Answer the discussion questions in the [Reading on the Screen Open Space group](#), under the *Features of PebbleGo Next* thread. (10 minutes)

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Using PebbleGo Next

- **Lesson Content**

    Learn about the navigational tools and features found in PebbleGo Next. (5 minutes)

Optional Training Activity
- Do a live presentation of the information found in the lesson Using PebbleGo Next. Ask participants to follow along while you lead them through the navigation tools and features from your projected device. Ask participants to take notes in the L column of their KWL chart. Ask for any questions at the end of the live presentation. (15 minutes)

Using the Instructional Supports

- **Lesson Content**

    Learn about instructional materials available in PebbleGo Next to support its use in the classroom. (5 minutes)

Optional Training Activity
- Do a live presentation of the information found in Using the Instructional Supports lesson. Ask participants to follow along while you lead them through the navigational tools from your projected device. Ask participants to take notes in the L column of their KWL chart. Ask for any questions at the end of the live presentation. (15 minutes)

What Have You Learned So Far?

- **Lesson Content**

    Take a short quiz to check what you know. (5 minutes)

Applying What You Have Learned

- **Lesson Content**

    Complete an activity to practice using PebbleGo Next. (10 minutes)

Optional Training Activity
- In the Discussion tab of the Reading on the Screen group in Open Space post the resource you found and identify how you will use it in instruction in the *Instructional Materials from PebbleGo Next* question. (10 minutes)

Integrating PebbleGo Next into Classroom Instruction

Teaching with PebbleGo Next

- **Lesson Content**

  Read best practices for using PebbleGo Next in the classroom shared by teachers. Reflect on the practices by answering questions. (20 minutes)

  Optional Training Activities
  - Break into small groups to cover the content in the Teaching with PebbleGo Next lesson. Assign each group a section of Best Practices for Digital Reading document to read and discuss using the discussion questions from that module. After 10-15 minutes, ask a member from each group to summarize their assigned reading and discussion and share it with the whole training class. Again, participants should use the KWL chart to record what they have learned. (20 minutes)
  - In the Reading on the Screen group in Open Space find the *Integrating Digital Text in Your Classroom* reflection question and answer the question, "What are two things you are doing in your classroom or instruction already that will make integrating digital text easier?" (10 minutes)

Sharing PebbleGo Next with Parents

- **Lesson Content**

  Learn about ways to let parents know more about PebbleGo Next to keep kids reading wherever, whenever. (5 minutes)

  Optional Training Activity
  - Ask participants to review the content to share with parents. Participants can share ideas of how they can encourage parents to use PebbleGo Next and read with their child at home. (15 minutes)

Creating Lessons Using PebbleGo Next

- **Lesson Content**

  Review lesson plans featuring PebbleGo Next created by teachers. Create your own using a lesson plan template. (30 minutes)

Optional Training Activities

- In the Creating Lessons Using PebbleGo Next lesson, review the sample lesson plans as a group. Point out the Best Practices in the lesson and ask participants to identify any other practices or activities they find that seem effective or have worked for them in the past. Ask them to evaluate the lessons based on their own classes, and to suggest ideas that might make the lessons better. Record these best practices and ideas to make the lessons better in a shared space, whether using an online resource like a Google Doc or Padlet, or on a white board or chart paper. (15 minutes)
- Lesson Plan Template: Each participant should find another person whose teaching situation is similar to their own. Give each pair a copy of the lesson plan template found in the Exercise Files of the class and direct them to begin drafting a lesson using PebbleGo Next. Begin by identifying the standards to address, and then find the PebbleGo Next Content that fits in with a current theme in the classroom. Encourage the participants to consider the Best Practices, discussions, and the recently brainstormed ideas about the sample lessons to include in their lesson plan. If they have identified limitations to using technology in their classroom before, encourage them to find solutions and steps to move beyond these obstacles. (30 minutes)
- Consider sharing the lesson plans in the [Reading on the Screen group](#) in Open Space.

Checking Your Learning

Self-Assessments

- **Lesson Content**

    Answer questions to reflect on what you learned. (10 minutes)

Optional Training Activity

- Direct participants to review their KWL chart and individually answer the Self-Assessment questions. Ask for volunteers to share their responses. (20 minutes)
- Find the *What Did You Learn from the PebbleGo Next Class?* question under the Discussions tab in the [Reading on the Screen group](#) in Open Space. Answer the question in the thread, "What was the most important thing you learned from this class? What makes it important to you?" (5 minutes)

Contact Hour Quiz and Certificate

- **Lesson Content**

    Take a quiz to earn a contact hour certificate. (5 minutes)

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