Assigning a forum

When you create an assignment in Frog, you actually create a private site only viewable to the student. This allows them to upload work that only you can see. Students cannot interact with each other through assignments directly. However – there are a couple a way you can assign a collaborative discussion, poll and other interactive tools. Both methods involve using an additional site in Frog.

Here I have a site for my class and I have added a forum widget to this site. I have used the **Share options** to give my students **contribute access**, which allows them to post to the forum. I now want to post a discussion thread and make responding to the discussion part of my class's homework assignment.

Method 1 – linking to a shared site:

- I'll create a **new page** on the class a site, and call it assignment link
- Now I'll add a **Site Link widget** and set it to this same class site. This might seem a strange step, but will be clear soon.
- **Leaving the editor**, I'll make sure I'm looking at my new page, then click on **Share**
- Then choose **Assign Page**
- The New Assignment wizard pops up and I can complete it as usual. When I assign the homework, a copy of the page will be taken and sent to each student with the site link attached.

Method 2 – Nesting the forum within a page

Instead of sending the students a link, I can send them the forum, nested in the assignment:

- Just like before, I'll **create a page** on the class site
- Now, I'll add a **Nested Page widget** and using its settings, point it to the page with the forum.
- And again, I'll now **Assign Page**.
- When the students open the homework, they'll see the forum and be able to post directly.