Early Birds Usability Testing Instructions

Thank you for taking the time to conduct usability testing on Early Birds. Early Birds (www.earlybirdswriting.com) is a web application that allows teachers to integrate computers into elementary education. Today you will assume the role of a teacher or student using Early Birds to complete a series of designated tasks provided to you by Will and Kate. The results of these usability tests will help us to improve this website. As a reminder, this is a test of the software, not you.

Case 1: Teacher Interface

You will use Early Birds as a teacher. You will complete the testing in 2 parts, and you will begin with part 1.

Part 1

You are a teacher using Early Birds for the first time. You will begin by learning about the software, and then you will register for an account. Once you have an account, you will complete several routine tasks including creating an assignment, viewing labs, and accessing the information sheet for printing. Once you have completed these tasks, you will logout. You may begin part 1 at this time.

Part 2

You are a teacher using Early Birds after students have completed an assignment you created. You will login with credentials provided to you by Will and Kate. Once you login, you will view lab reports associated with the assignment titled 'Biology C Block.' Then, you will logout. You may begin part 2 at this time.

Case 2: Student Interface

You will be using Early Birds as a student. You will complete the testing in 2 parts, and you will begin with part 1.

Part 1

You are a student beginning a lab report given the assignment code provided to by your "teacher." You need to complete the problem, hypothesis, and materials section of the lab report. (You don't actually have to write a lab report; simply input any random text.) Then, you will exit the website. You may begin part 1 at this time.

Part 2

You are the same student in part 1 returning to Early Birds to finish the lab report you already started. Once you've completed the remainder of the lab report - procedure, results, and conclusion - please submit it. You may begin part 2 at this time.