

Technology Tools to Support Struggling Readers and Writers



ReadPlease

ReadPlease is a free program that reads aloud text from your computer. ReadPlease offers adjustable voice speed and volume control.

www.readplease.com

PowerTalk

PowerTalk is a free Windows program that automatically speaks the text on any PowerPoint presentation making it more accessible.

fullmeasure.co.uk/powertalk/

Starfall

The Starfall website has free, interactive activities for beginning readers.

www.starfall.com

Reading A-Z

Reading A-Z offers some free printable materials to teach guided reading, phonemic awareness, reading comprehension, reading fluency, alphabet, and vocabulary.

<http://www.readinga-z.com>

Inspiration/Kidspiration

Inspiration and Kidspiration are visual learning tools that assist students in organizing their thinking. Tools are provided to allow students to diagram and outline their ideas and thoughts. A free trial 30-day version is available online.

www.inspiration.com

Portable Technology

The Neo and AlphaSmart are portable word processing devices. They feature a full sized keyboard and window display. Text can be entered by typing, uploading from a computer, or beaming using infrared technology.

www.alphasmart.com

Type to Learn and Type to Learn Jr.

Type to Learn and Type to Learn Jr. both support students as they are learning keyboarding. Type to Learn Jr. helps students locate letters, numbers and other keys on the keyboard, learn correct finger placement, and type short words and sentences. Type to Learn reinforces spelling, grammar, composition, and punctuation skills.

www.sunburst.com

Writing Fix

This site offers endless writing prompts for students who struggle with coming up with a topic for writing.

www.writingfix.com

ReadWriteThink

ReadWriteThink offers a collection of online student materials to support literacy learning in the K-12 classroom.

www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/index.asp

CAST Emergent Literacy Books

This site offers downloadable books for beginning readers.

madoe.cast.org/participant/books/index.html