

Ed Tech 101: "Technology tools for the literacy teacher."
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Phonological Awareness	Bee Ready to Read! (website)	Website created for parents, teachers, and speech pathologists as a resource for phonological awareness. This website was designed as a research project in graduate school, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Northern Iowa. The site includes activity ideas, materials where applicable, links to other resources, and suggestions for the implementation of activities. http://phonologicalawareness.org/index.html	Free web based	
	Professor Garfield: Orson's Farm (website)	Phonemic Awareness Interactive Sites for Smartboard Beginning sounds interactive– Primary Level http://professorgarfield.org/Phonemics/farm3.html	Free web based	
	Literacy Games for IWB (website)	An assortment of IWB games to help students look at phoneme patterns, blending, spelling, high frequency words, rhyming and support tools to use on IWB http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html	Free web based	
	Phonics Awareness (app)	1 st grade; whimsical, interactive experiences based on educational standards. A fun way to learn core phonics. Interactive tutorial created by educational professionals, including reading specialists.	Free app for ipad, ipod, iphone	
	Lady bird: I'm Ready for Phonics (app)	An excellent app that walks the line between education and entertainment. 12 motivating levels, learn, blend, segment, and practice initial sounds. Records student voices and plays back.	\$6.99	

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Fluency	Interactive Books – Hugless Dougless & The Fantastic Flying books of Mr. Morris Lessmore (apps)	App for ipod, ipad, iphone. Award winning children’s ebooks...the future of kid’s ebooks. Blurs the line between picture books and animated film	Free to \$4.99	
	Comics (apps)	App for ipod, ipad, iphone. The largest comic library and store with guided view technology. Over 20,000 comics! Featured on Jimmy Kimmel, CNN, and more. More than 500 Free comics in app	Free app	
	K-3 Sight Words (app)	Teach your students to read sight words. List of dolch sight words in five levels	Minimal cost	
	Story Builder for Ipad (app)	Winner – Best reading app of 2011 by the Huffington Post. Designed to help children improve paragraph formation, integration of ideas, and inferencing. Use of audio clips promotes auditory processing for special needs children. 3 levels of play, stories can be achieved and emailed. 50 distinct story lines to create narratives	\$7.99	
	Story Bird (website)	Interactive story writing website. Students can share stories with other users and purchase their own books. www.storybird.com	Free web based program	
	Pocket (app)	When you find something on the web that you want to read later, put it in Pocket. Automatically syncs to your phone, tablet, or computer so you can view it any time, even without internet connection. NY Times, Business Week call it "DVR for the web" Pocket articles, videos, or anything else found online. If it's in Pocket, it's on your phone, tablet, and computer.	Free app	

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Comprehension	Aseops Quest (app)	For grades 2-6 on ipad, iphone, ipod touch. Based on Aseop's Fables, a learning game where the player must remember elements of a story to complete a level. The game uses reading comprehension to develop cognitive reading skills. the touch mechanic of the game engages children in a hand's on learning process, implementing kinesthetic learning. level one: 2nd - level five: 6 th grade. Targets VA SOLS: 2.8, 3.4, 3.5, 4.4, 4.5, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5	Free app	
	Minimod Reading for Details (app)	For grades 2.0 - 6.5. Helps students build mastery in the essential reading comprehension skill of reading for details. Aligned with Core Curriculum – play in practice or game mode (bingo-like) The 5w's of reading comp – who, what, why, when, where. Each program offers 3 levels of reading difficulty. Score reporting has been added giving teachers the feature of receiving an email of the student's score.	\$3.99	
	The Opposites – word game (app)	Word game which challenges children (7+) to match pairs of opposing words in increasingly difficult levels. Starts with easy word pairs but as players move up they are challenged with more complex and abstract pairings. Words are voiced.	Free app	
	Opposites Ocean Antonyms (app)	A learning game where the player uses antonyms to develop cognitive reading skills. Targets VA SOL's. For 2 – 6 grades	Free app	
	Professor Garfield Fact or Opinion (app)	Learn difference between fact and opinion, particularly with regard to the internet. Developed by VA Dept of Ed. For grades K-2	Free app	

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Comprehension continued...	Question Builder for Ipad (app)	Designed to help elementary aged children learn to answer abstract questions and create responses based on inference. Extensive use of audio clips promotes improved auditory processing for special needs children. 3 levels, 1200 audio clips of questions and answers	\$5.99	
	Same Meaning Magic (Synonyms) (app)	An adventure game designed to help students understand synonyms. This educational game uses touch and drag mechanics to engage students in a learning process regarding synonyms. For 2-6 grades	\$.99	
	Simple Mind (app)	Mind mapping tool that turns your ipad, iphone or ipod touch into a brainstorming, idea collection and thought structuring device.	Free/ For ipad or iphone \$6.99	
	Pirate Island: A Reading for Details Game (interactive whiteboard game & book)	Students learn to read for details as they travel around a spooky pirate island in a quest to find the secret treasure! Action-packed, interactive game is played just like a regular board game—only with lively animation and sound effects...plus pop-up hazards & surprise bonuses that add to the fun. For Mac/Win. Targets standards in these areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recalling details from text • Identifying important information • Understanding & analyzing text Grades 1-3 Ages 6+	Pirate Island: Reading for Details Game - Single license CD-ROM \$14.95	

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Writing	Popplet (app)	A platform for your ideas! Super simple interface allows ou to move at the speed of your thoughts. Use to brainstorm, plan writing, record thoughts, journaling, note taking, creating lists or start a school project.	Popplet lite (free)	
	Princess Fairy Tale Maker (app)	Create your own fairy tale with princesses, fairies, mermaids, ballerinas, unicorns, animals, and more! Color, animate, create multi-scene fairytales. Share with friends. For 4+ ages	\$1.99	
	Scribble Press (app)	Winner of Parent’s Choice Award, Top 20 Educational App for Ipad. A creation platform that allows kids to imagine, create, and share their own stories with great drawing and writing tools. Download books instantly to your ibooks library. Create your won ebook. Can order printed copy of your book. Over 50 story templates, a unique sticker collection, your own photo library,	Free app	
	Maily (app)	Kids’ first email – allows kids to send quirky, personalized emails easily, rapidly, and securely. Kids create and send their own emails. Pencils and brushes to draw, 30 stamps, 30 email backgrounds, photo camera, personal inbox, contact list	Free app	
	60 Story Starters (app)	Once upon a time, there was an app to help you start a story... 60 story starters combines them with audio to create 180 ways for students to begin telling their own stories. Helps children improve their describing, questioning, inferencing, writing, and storytelling/ retelling skills.	\$1.99	
	ABC Cursive Writer (app)	Learn alphabet tracing with this writing notepad. Great for classroom settings.	Free app/ upgrade \$.99	
	I Can Write (app)	Helps students become independent writers to learn how to write correctly in a fun way.	Free app/ upgrade \$.99	
	Iwritewords (apps)	Award winning teaches handwriting while playing a fun and entertaining game.	Free app/ upgrade \$2.99	
	Kids Writing Pad (app)	A basic large line writing pad useful for practicing numbers and letters to make sure you draw them appropriately. You can choose the color of your pencil or eraser.	\$1.99	
	Interactive Whiteboard Dictionary (website/ download)	For grades 1 – 6; interactive dictionary. Assists students in writing independently. Use as a support for writing when working with a guided writing group. Display this resource on the IWB. When you need to check the spelling of a word, click on the pages to move them along. http://www.ictgames.com/ks1_Dictionary/index.html	Free web based	

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Word Study	Spelling City (website)	Web based literacy skilled based spelling games using any word list. Register and save lists for free. Become a Premium Member for more benefits! www.spellingcity.com	Free for basic use	
	Essential Word Sorts For the Primary Grades (book & CD)	The Essential Word Sorts for the Primary Grades Interactive Whiteboard Application is chock full of movement, sound, graphics, and color to keep students engaged while segmenting and blending essential phonemes! 73 key word sorts, which can each be played in 3 different game formats: a total of 238 different activities. The IWB can be used with any interactive whiteboard or even on your computer using a mouse. Also includes key sorts and other reproducibles from the book in PDF.	\$44.98 reallygoodstuff.com	

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Literacy Teacher's Tools	Pictochat	Pictochat is a simple console to console chat program on DS/ DSi game systems that utilizes a touch screen drawing pad and keyboard with room for up to 16 people in 4 distinct chat rooms that works wirelessly to other DS console in its range (approximately 60 feet - non line of site) Advantage - it is a controlled not internet linked environment so is 'E safe' and increases motivation. Can be used for collaborative writing in any language. Possible approaches include: brainstorming, developing strategies to improve one's score, writing a short piece of dialogue between two characters, predicting, finishing a sentence, spotting an error.	Free with purchase of DS/ DSi game system	More tips can be found at http://www.ideastoinpire.co.uk/nintendodsdsi.htm Thanks to @tombarrett who encouraged "tweeters", using the DS in the classroom, to share their ideas with others.
	Confer (app)	A note taking app for teachers that lets you record and keep track of the notes you take on your students; both individually and in small groups. Whether you teach Reading and Writing Workshop or simply want to take notes on your students, Confer enables you to take notes quicker and it lets you sort, group, and view students in ways you just can't do with paper and pencil. Lets you export and import your data via email, or upload it as a spreadsheet, so you can access your notes anytime, anywhere.	\$14.99	
	Record of Reading (app)	Designed to provide an electronic form for taking a running record. Provides embedded formulas for the accuracy rate and self-correction rate. Can be saved and emailed	Free app	
	Running Records Calculator (app)	Makes literacy testing faster and more accurate. Combines calculator and stopwatch functions with the convenience of audio recording playback. Flagging lets you quickly refer back to the audio of difficult sections of the reading for more accurate scoring. Results can be emailed and shared into a report of reading level and progress.	Free lite version/	