

★ You're Invited to our
OPEN HOUSE

September 14, 2009

**Iberville Parish Schools proudly dedicates and supports
this Region 2 educational support initiative.**



Next time I push
the iSight camera
button on the
Mac.

Wow, our 2nd
newsletter, and so
seriously AT geeky.



Danna Bouey

Anita Lee

Fall Training

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Access to Math

Kids sometimes need a variety of instructional methods and tools to grasp math concepts. Using an activity from the Louisiana Comprehensive Curriculum as a base, this training will be focused on introducing fun tutorial and reinforcement internet sites, low tech AT strategies and software to help students to learn or improve mathematical skills. Add these valuable resources for teaching and reinforcing math skills to your Differentiation know-how. At the end of the day, sign up for Part 2 of the Access to Math Module.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?1846>

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Adapt a Book Elementary

Adapt a book for almost any access or cognitive abilities to take back to your classroom. Participants will learn a variety of ways to make a digital and physical book accessible for a young student who needs alternative ways to enjoy reading.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?1851>

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Assessment for Computer

Access Survey the Louisiana Assistive Technology Initiative (LATI) guidelines for evaluating what a student may need for computer access. By seeing hardware and software demonstrated and using LATI guidelines, determine a starting place or possible solutions for described students with disabilities.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?1853>

Thursday, December 17, 2009

How to Use Graphics in Your Instructional Materials Design

Enlist the software and internet as a creative means to engage students in adding graphics to their writing efforts and to your instructional resources. Use Microsoft Paint and Word, the free OpenOffice, Gimp2 and Jing, and other website resources to produce teaching materials or personal use stationary and cards easily.

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?1852>

A Portable Alternative for Communication

**iPhone or iPod touch from Apple
plus Proloquo2Go (by AssistiveWare)**



Proloquo2Go™ is a new product from Assistiveware that provides a full-featured communication solution for people who have difficulty speaking. It brings natural sounding text-to-speech voices, up-to-date symbols, powerful automatic conjugations, a default vocabulary of over 7000 items, full expandability and extreme ease of use to the iPhone and iPod touch.

iPod Touch (\$229 from Apple)

Proloquo2Go (\$179.00 from the App Store with an iTunes account)

iPhone and iPod Access Accessories for use with Proloquo2Go from www.tenonedesign.com



SoundClip directs sound from iPhone toward you to increase the clarity and volume for movies and music. It also makes games easier to play without blocking your iPhone's speaker.

A tuned conical deflection chamber designed to make the audio from your iPhone clearer and also slightly louder. Sound waves are reflected toward you, instead of away, so you feel more involved in your game, movie, or music.

SoundClip amplifies iPhone audio by 10dB between 6kHz and 20kHz, resulting in a cleaner, more accurate response. Storage is simple. A cord-gripping feature keeps SoundClip securely fastened to your charge cable during syncing and charging. **\$7.95**



The Pogo Stylus for use with iPhone and iPod touch

The sleek design of the Pogo Stylus features an ultra-light aluminum body with an anodized finish and laser graphics. The soft tip glides easily over the surface of the display, making it fun and easy to sketch, draw characters, or just slide to unlock. Sized for accuracy, it does away with the awkward typos and misfires common to fingertip-only use.

Reducing the need for fingers has the added benefit of keeping the screen free of smudges and grease. **\$14.95**



****We've tried the Pogo Stylus and it works!**

5/28/2009

By **Greg Toppo, USA TODAY**



Leslie Clark and her husband have been trying to communicate with their autistic 7-year-old son, JW, for years, but until last month, the closest they got was rudimentary sign language. He's "a little bit of a mini-genius," Clark says, but like many autistic children, JW doesn't speak at all.

Desperate to communicate with him, she considered buying a specialized device like the ones at his elementary school in Lincoln, Neb. But the text-to-speech machines are huge, heavy and expensive; a few go for \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Then a teacher told her about a new application that a researcher had developed for, of all things, the iPhone and iPod Touch. Clark drove to the local Best Buy and picked up a Touch, then downloaded the "app" from iTunes.

The app also aids children and adults with Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and Lou Gehrig's

as a communication tool Disease, or ALS — even stroke patients who have lost the ability to speak, says its co-developer, Penn State doctoral student Samuel Sennott.

Using the iPhone and Touch allows developers to democratize a system that has relied on devices that were too expensive or difficult to customize, Sennott says. "I love people being able to get it at Best Buy," he says. "That's just a dream."

He also says that for an autistic child, the ability to whip out an iPhone and talk to friends brings "this very hard-to-quantify cool factor."

Sennott won't give out sales figures for the \$149.99 app but says they're "extremely brisk." Ronald Leaf, director of Autism Partnership, a private California-based agency, says he prefers to help autistic children such as JW learn how to navigate their world without gadgets. "If we could get children to talk without using technology, that would be our preference," he says.

Clark says the app has changed her son's life.

"He's actually communicating," she says. "It's nice to see what's going on in his head." Among the revelations of the past month: She now knows JW's favorite restaurant. "I get to spend at least every other day at the Chinese buffet."

Total cost: about \$500

Also From Apple iTunes Store



Sign 4 Me

Now beginners with an interest in American Sign language (ASL) can start learning right on the iPhone. You control a 3D animated character that demonstrates ASL with a library of over 11,500 words. Just type a sentence, word or phrase to see it signed. **\$9.99**



soundAMP

With soundAMP you can instantly improve your hearing. soundAMP™ is an assistive software application that transforms iPhone into an interactive hearing device. It uses the built-in microphone or headset with mic to amplify nearby sound. You can adjust volume and tone, and even "repeat" a recent conversation. **\$9.99**

Great Websites



<http://www.helpkidzlearn.com/games.html>

Free online games to play at home and school.



<http://www.do2learn.com/>

Free resources especially geared for students with Autism.

GAMES, SONGS, COMMUNICATION CARDS, PRINT RESOURCES AND INFORMATION FOR KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. CHECK OUT THE "FACELAND" SOFTWARE VIDEO.



www.sensoryworld.org

An interactive website where Students can visit the kitchen, sensory and music rooms, and enter numbers in a multi-page money manager. Great graphics and auditory feedback.



The **ZacBrowser** has been updated. It's a "full screen" program that cannot access the task bar, the Start menu cancels the function of the mouse other than choosing a interactive button of interest. The browser prevents the student from accessing inappropriate sites. Children with autism are known for being able to adapt easily to PECS (pictograms). The navigation system is similar to the PECS system. It works with the Wii Remote system, the PC and Mac. Update the browser at www.zacbrowser.com.

Go to <http://www.peoplecd.com/index.php> to download the **Tween Browser** for older students from the same people who brought you Zac and register for the 2 new **Little Browser** and the **Teen's Browser**.