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ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

<u>Co:Writer</u> SOLO Edition by Don Johnston (http://www.donjohnston.com)
- The most commonly used word prediction program that recognizes inventive spelling and incorporates some great features like Topic and Genre Dictionaries and E-word Bank.

* <u>Word Q</u> by Quillsoft Inc. (http://www.wordq.com)
- This floating four-button toolbar can work with any computer application, allowing students to benefit from word prediction across programs. Uniquely, it provides examples of confusing words in sentences for easier selection.

<u>Write:OutLoud SOLO</u> by Don Johnston (http://www.donjohnston.com)
- Proofreading and editing made easier with text-to-speech, marked deletion, homonym checker and other features that combine auditory and visual cues in this talking work processor.

* <u>Read & Write</u> by TextHELP (http://www.texthelp.com)
- It is an application toolbar that can be used with word processors, spreadsheets, databases, email and the Internet.

* <u>ReadPlease</u> (http://www.readplease.com/)
- This text-to-speech program can be used for reading and writing. It is available for download free of charge.

* <u>Inspiration/Kidspiration</u> (http://www.inspiration.com)
- Kidspiration is an outlining program for grades K-5 while Inspiration is for grades 6-up). Students brainstorm their ideas using words and pictures and then transform their work into an outline form that can be uploaded into Word with just one click.

<u>Draft:Builder SOLO Edition</u> by Don Johnston (http://www.donjohnston.com)
- This program supports students through the three steps of creating a first draft: organizing ideas, taking notes, and writing a draft. It includes an extensive collection of pre-designed templates for different forms of writing.

<u>Storybook Weaver</u> by The Learning Company (http://www.learningcompany.com)
- This program allows students to create and print stories and books with words, graphics, and sound effects.

<u>My Own Bookshelf</u> (http://www.acciinc.com/Html/Software/my_own_bookshelf.htm)
- This program allows students to create their own bookshelf, choosing from among available digital stories and authoring new books. Teachers can scan in favorite stories, creating a larger digital library.

*<u>IntelliTools Classroom Suite</u> by Intellitools Inc. (http://www.intellitools.com)
- Pre-designed subject-based activities allows for working with words and creative writing in different formats.

<u>Imagination Express</u> by Edmark (http://www.riverdeep.net)
- With this creative writing program students create scenes and then write about them.

<u>Secret Writers Society</u> by Panasonic Interactive Media
(http://www.superkids.com/aweb/pages/reviews/writing/1/sws/merge.shtml)
- Interactive activities reinforcing proper punctuation, capitalization, sentence and paragraph structure, as well as the five-step writing process.

* <u>Type to Learn</u> by Sunburst Technology Inc. (http://sunburst.com)
- This program offers interactive keyboarding practice embedded in a game format. The program allows for easy data collection and adjustment of mastery levels.
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* Programs that offer free trials that can be found on the provided above websites

MICROSOFT WORD

http://atto.buffalo.edu/registered/Tutorials/msword/index.php - Tutorials for Microsoft Word Features http://www.microsoft.com – Built-in accessibility features

INTERACTIVE POWERPOINT

http://208.183.128.8/la/activities/pptresources.html - Language Arts PowerPoint Activities
http://www.vickiblackwell.com/ppttemplates.html - Teacher PowerPoint Templates
http://jc-schools.net/tutorials/PPT-games/ - PowerPoint Games
http://teach.fcps.net/trt10/PowerPoint.htm - PowerPoint Activities
http://facstaff.uww.edu/jonesd/games/ - Parade of Games in PowerPoint
http://www.hardin.k12.ky.us/res_techn/countyjeopardygames.htm - Created Jeopardy Games
http://www.getworksheets.com/samples/powerpoint/games/ - PowerPoint Classroom Game Templates

INTERNET RESOURCES

http://www.eduplace.com/tales - Identify parts of speech while creating wacky tales
http://www.mrsmcgowan.com/1stgrade/lotsofscrambles.htm - online scrambles
http://www.funbrain.com/index.html - reinforcement activities/games, Grammar Gorillas
http://www.essaypunch.com - interactive online essay writing tutorial
http://www.writesite.org - writing skill development through journalism
http://www.aps.edu/aps/Cochiti/6traits - Six Traits Writing Model for teachers and students
http://www.edina.k12.mn.us/concord/teacherlinks/sixtraits/sixtraits.html - online writing lab for elementary students
http://www2.pvc.maricopa.edu/tutor/eng/engessbody.htm - writing terrific paragraphs
http://www.eduplace.com/kids/hme/k_5/proofread/proof.htm - Power Proofreading
http://www.storiesfromtheweb.org/sfwhomepage.htm - Stories from the Web based on age
http://www.do2learn.com - online games and activities available in writing
http://helponenglish.homestead.com - informative website about writing in English