

Read It, Write It, Say It, DO IT!

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Special Education Challenges

- Diverse Needs
- Wide range of abilities
- Ever-changing staff
- Overwhelming amount of new tools to learn
- **Limited TIME!**

Strategies for using Technology Tools to Support Learning

- Keep it simple - you don't need 100 apps or programs - you need a few GOOD ones
- NON-CONTENT apps - our students need to generalize information
- Content should change often - we aren't trying to bore our students - but we want to have CONSISTENT patterns and programs so our students learn what is expected of them
- Staff only needs to learn a few tools in order to teach ANYTHING to ANYONE

4 Block Model - Students should have exposure every day

- **Guided Reading**
- **Independent Reading**
- **Writing**
- **Working with Words**

Guided Reading - Not expected to be independent - read with support - highlight target vocabulary

- Find engaging relevant material
- Include text to speech or recorded options - read together
- TarHeelReader www.tarheelreader.org - quickly get content on anything

Independent Reading - User selects books/material - can engage independently

- Utilize text to speech features
- Audio choices
- Self-created books - **Pictello, Book Creator**
- If student is working on expressive language skills, have books be ones that reinforce those skills
- YouTube videos - websites such as www.storylineonline.org
- Timer or Guided Access if needed to stay on task

Writing - Many ways to write - EXPRESSION is the key here - not spelling or

- **NO COPYING!!**
- Use picture video support - apps that use this
- AAC apps can assist with generating vocabulary - **Proloquo2Go** example
- Honor what a student writes - Expand on this on a different line
- ALWAYS print or send it - give the writing purpose

Working with Words - Spelling Sight, Word Vocabulary, Matching picture to Word

- Great extension activities - reinforce vocabulary
- Younger audio/visual support - **Bitsboard**. www.bitsboard.com
- Older spelling, sight word, definitions - **Quizlet**. www.quizlet.com

Adapting it All! - Unique Curriculum - www.n2y.com/unique-learning-system

- Monthly lessons
- 3 Differentiated learners
- Tied to Common Core Standards in every area of development

