

## On line Resources for Switch Users

- SENSwitcher - For students with visual and/or severe cognitive impairments. Switch activated geometric designs accompanied by music. Colors and designs can be manipulated before the activity begins. Varying levels of difficulty.  
<http://www.northerngrid.org/ngflwebsite/sen/intro.htm>
- Kids Only - Choose from four types of activities (such as Color and Draw, Story and Rhyme, Fun and Games, Find Out About) which are touch screen and switch accessible. <http://www.priorywoods.middlesbrough.sch.uk/kidsonly/portal.htm>
- Priory Woods School "Videos" - Touch screen and switch accessible music videos. Many interest levels available, from cartoons to current music icons. Engaging music and images.  
<http://www.priorywoods.middlesbrough.sch.uk/resources/videos.htm>
- Priory Woods School Resources - Links to many activities which are switch or touch screen accessible. Great for number sense, beginning phonics, and shape recognition. Also included are activities which teach computer mouse skills.  
<http://www.priorywoods.middlesbrough.sch.uk/resources/programres.htm>

### ONLINE STORIES

The online stories listed below can easily be made switch accessible. Each story should have an arrow at the bottom of the page. The user is supposed to click on the arrow, using the mouse, to turn the page. For a switch user to turn the page, the cursor needs to be placed on the arrow and kept there. When the switch user hits the switch, the computer reads it as a mouse click and turns the page. As long as the cursor or the arrow on the page doesn't move, the user should be able to navigate through these delightful stories.

- Nick Jr. - Click on the "all stories" button to see a full list of titles available. *Note: not all the stories on this site have a "turn the page" arrow, although many do.* Have fun! <http://www.nickjr.com/playtime/cats/stories/index.jhtml>
- Preschool Library - Preschool level online stories with bright, animated pictures and fun sound effects. Look under the **online stories** column for a list of available titles.  
<http://www.storyplace.org/preschool/other.asp>  
The same stories are also available in Spanish, to access the Spanish version follow this link: <http://www.storyplace.org/sp/preschool/other.asp>.

- Number Circus - Count from one to nine (and back again!) while the numbers do tricks! <http://www.lil-fingers.com/circus/index.php>
- My Brother the Robot - A rhyming story with cute animations! <http://www.lil-fingers.com/robot/index.html>
- British Council- Short Stories- Listen to and read along with a variety of colorful and animated short stories. <http://www.britishcouncil.org/kids-stories-short.htm>
- British Council-Stories for Little Kids- Cute animated stories for younger kids to watch and listen to. <http://www.britishcouncil.org/kids-stories-little-kids.htm>
- Literactive- A large variety of interactive stories for younger kids to read along with. Choose from 5 different levels and categories like Nursery Rhymes and Poetry. *Note: All the stories are free after you register. (Once you've picked a story, select the "read option" to use as a switch activity).* <http://www.1www.literactive.com/Download/stories.asp?sub=READ>
- CBeebies- A collection of lively and vibrant online stories for children to enjoy. *Note: not all the stories have a "turn the page" arrow, although many do.* <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/>
- Hiyah - A large assortment of programs, covering topics common to children: from Nursery Rhymes to Holidays. *Note: click on the software tab and download the programs you'd like- FREE! Activities are switch accessible.* <http://www.hiyah.net/index.html>
- Tar Heel Reader- Here you'll find a collection of easy-to-read books on a wide variety of topics. Each book is switch accessible and speech enabled. <http://gb-cs.cs.unc.edu/TarHeelReader>

# Free Online Tools to Help Your Struggling Writer

The first step is teaching your student how to type efficiently so they can utilize these computer tools.

## **Games to Improve Keyboarding Skills**

Dance Mat Typing

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>

Free Typing Games

<http://www.freetypinggame.net/play.asp>

Only Typing Games

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

## **On-line games to teach vocabulary and spelling:**

[www.vocabulary.co.il](http://www.vocabulary.co.il)

[www.gamequarium.com/evocabulary.html](http://www.gamequarium.com/evocabulary.html)

## **Tackling Those Writing Assignments!**

Writing Competency Assignment Guide

[http://www.rio.maricopa.edu/distance\\_learning/tutorials/writing\\_guide/create\\_a\\_paper.shtml](http://www.rio.maricopa.edu/distance_learning/tutorials/writing_guide/create_a_paper.shtml)

Assignment Calculator

<http://www.lib.umn.edu/help/calculator/>

Webbing Tool

[http://www.readwritethink.org/student\\_mat/student\\_material.asp?id=38](http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=38)

Writing Fix

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

Read Write Think Notetaker

[http://www.readwritethink.org/student\\_mat/student\\_material.asp?id=55](http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=55)

## **Use the tools you have on Microsoft word:**

**Spelling and Grammar Check:** Turn on spell check. Right click on words that are underlined in red to select the correct spelling. Go to the tools menu to click on spelling and grammar for a complete review.

**Vocabulary tools:** Under tools you will also find a dictionary or research link. There is also a thesaurus available. Just highlight the target word and click on the tool.

**Find and Replace:** Use this tool from the edit menu to make corrections across your document. For example, use this tool if you spelled a name wrong or if you used the wrong word.

**Outline features:** Located in the "View" menu. This gives you a quick way to organize and reorganize your content. It can give you a quick overview of the bigger picture. You can also move a large block of text easily. This can also be used with digital text as a study tool by collapsing the information into an outline view.

## **Digital Text and Online Curriculum Resources**

### **Free Text to Speech Download**

Not available on MAC

Read Please

[www.readplease.com](http://www.readplease.com)

### **Text to Speech Included on your Windows or MAC System**

Newer systems now come with standard text to speech features

### **Resources for Digital Text**

Do a search. Type in topic followed by “kids” to find content in a “kid friendly” format  
[www.google.com](http://www.google.com) example “presidential election kids”

Kidipede-History for Kids

<http://www.historyforkids.org>

World Almanac for Kids Online

<http://www.worldalmanacforkids.com>

Social Studies for Kids

<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com>

Facts Encyclopedia for Kids

<http://www.refdesk.com/kids.html>

Science Made Simple

<http://www.sciencemadesimple.com>

Information Network for Ohio Schools

[www.infohio.org](http://www.infohio.org) A username and password are required for home access; see your school library media specialist

Tek Mom-search tools for kids

[www.tekmom.com](http://www.tekmom.com)

**Check with your school to see if the text books are available online or on a disc.**

## **Kids Magazines Online**

Time for Kids : <http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/>

Weekly Reader Online: <http://www.weeklyreader.com/>

Sports Illustrated for Kids: <http://www.sikids.com/index.html>

American Girl : <http://www.americangirl.com/agcn/index.html>

Zoo Books: <http://www.zoobooks.com/>

National Geographic for Kids: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/ngkids/>

Scholastic News: <http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/>

## **Online Books**

Book Share

[www.bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org)

Accessible Books Collection

[www.accessiblebookcollection.org](http://www.accessiblebookcollection.org)

Children's Storybooks Online

<http://www.magickeys.com/books/>

Online Books

<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/search.html>

Project Gutenberg

<http://www.gutenberg.org/catalog/>

Bibliomania

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

Page by Page Books

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

National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard

<http://nimas.cast.org/>

Center for Applied Special Technology

<http://www.cast.org/>