



## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY IN 2011-2012

### **Kurzweil Reader**

This Video is a great summary of Kurzweil 3000.

<http://www.kurzweiledu.com/v11generaloverview.html>

### **Dragon Speak**

Dragon Speak allows students to turn their talk into text. This is helpful to many of our students who have trouble with writing and getting ideas down on paper.

<http://www.nuance.com/for-business/by-industry/education/dragon-education-solutions/index.htm>

### **Reading A to Z**

This would be a website for our elementary students. Teachers can print of phonetic books, sight word books, and leveled texts for students. There are also progress monitoring sheets, and various other resources for teachers and students.

<http://www.readinga-z.com/>

### **Enchanted Learning**

This is a website that teachers can use for various types of resources, including games, activities in all subject areas, and worksheets. There is a wealth of information and resources available

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html>

### **Fast Forward/Reading Assistant**

This is a research based reading program that is effective for tier two and three students who struggle with reading/decoding skills and reading comprehension. Reading assistant helps teachers track reading fluency and builds comprehension and fluency! This will be our primary intervention for tier 2 and 3 reading groups.

<http://www.scilearn.com/resources/videos/?cat=ff>

### **Kindles**

Kindles are an excellent way for students to gain independence in reading high interest material, while using text to speech and a built in dictionary to aid student in reading words they may struggle with or not understand. Students are highly interested in using these, and they will be used in English for class novels.

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/feature.html?ie=UTF8&docId=1000412651>

### **Livescribe Pens**

These pens make it easy to record information while taking notes. They allow students to play back what the teacher said while they were writing, and allow

teachers to post notes online that show processes students will need to learn the necessary material.

<http://www.livescribek12.com/>

### **Laptop station**

Our Fast Forward program will be run from a laptop station. This will also be utilized as another computer lab, that teachers can use daily in their instruction.

### **Ipads**

Ipads will be used by teachers and students as needed. There are thousands of educational apps that teachers and students to use during instruction, and for accommodating students with learning differences.

<http://www.apple.com/education/apps/>

### **Voice Thread**

Voice thread is a program that students can use to present information using photos and narration. Teachers can also use this to give both classwork and homework assignments, and easily track student participation in a fun and interactive way.

<http://voicethread.com/about/features/>

### **Inspiration**

Inspiration can be used by students to assist the writing process. At Glenforest we are stepping up our writing curriculum and requiring all middle and high school students to turn in written assignments in all classes. This program will help them to plan, and organize their writing throughout the entire writing process.

<http://www.inspiration.com/Inspiration>