#### Conducting the Symphony of Technology in the Classroom Resource Listings Dan Herlihy

So much technology available for education, yet how do you make it play well together in your classroom? From iPod, iTouch and iPads to Interactive White Boards, Netbooks, NoteBooks and more, how do these devices work, what can you do with them, are they easy to use or accessible? Just because it's new and cool, is it really a good fit to enhance the teaching and learning going on in your class? In this hands-on lab, learn how Web 2.0 tools, digital tools for the classroom, including digital video devices, wireless tools and more, can make a difference in engagement, understanding and differentiating your curriculum. Intermediate Level computer skills required.

## Hardware Devices:

Flip Digital Video Cameras Digital Cameras iPod Touch, iPod Nano, iPad & iPad Camera Connection kit, VGA kit & hard devices for iPad such as science probes, switches, digital microscope Netbook Pulse Pen Canson Paper Show Webcams – QuickCam, Microsoft LifeCam Cinema KNFB Reader Scanners – inexpensive flatbed scanner such as the Canon LiDe 70 Document Cameras – Ladibug ProScope – digital microscopes, science probes USB Flash Drives Easy-Speak – portable USB voice recorder

Portable Apps on Flash Drives – Read & Write Gold, K3000, Premier Keys to Access, Zoom Text, Dolphin

# **Online Word Processing & Notetaking**

- WriteOnline www.cricksoftware.com tracking & evaluate student work online.
  Online word processing contains word prediction, text to speech, switch accessible, word banks, more. (commercial)
- **Google Docs** free online word processing www.google.com track student work online
- ThinkFree Online free online word processing http://member.thinkfree.com/member/goLandingPage.action
- **SpringPad** free online notebook accessible by iPod, iPad and computer http://springpadit.com/
- Evernote http://www.evernote.com/ free. Save documents, notes, photos, sound clips, files on Mac, PC, Mobile devices, sync files between devices to online account.

Word Processing & Note taking:

- **Open Office Portable** can run from a portable flash drive http://portableapps.com/apps/office/openoffice\_portable
- Open Office http://www.openoffice.org/ free work processing and office suite for Mac and PC
- **PDF to Word Creator** www.pdftoword.com upload PDF files, program sends an e-mail file of converted PDF document to Word format.
- **Sense Lang** www.sense-lang.org/typing online typing tutor
- **The Story Starter Jr.** http://www.thestorystarter.com/jr.htm thousands of story starters for young students.
- **Wordle** www.wordle.net generate word clouds auto summarize text documents by graphic emphasis on words use the most in an article
- **Tagxedo** http://www.tagxedo.com/ generate word clouds auto summarize text documents by graphic emphasis on words use the most in an article
- **Documents To Go® Office Suite** app for iPhone
- GDocs notepad that can view, edit and sync documents from your Google Docs account. It allows you create, import/export and send documents for Android devices - http://sites.google.com/site/gdocsforandroid/
- **Predictable** word processing app for iPad with word prediction, scanning capable

# **Contextual Spelling and Grammar Checkers**

- Ginger contextual spelling and grammar checker, runs in MS Word, most versions of Office and related programs, and Internet Explorer www.gingersoftware.com
- **A.I.type** http://www.aitype.com/ spelling and contextual grammar checker
- **Grammarly** <u>www.grammarly.com</u> grammar check, plagiarism detection, vocabulary enhancement, contextual spell check

# **Free Screen Readers**

- **Natural Reader –** http://www.naturalreaders.com/ free text to speech, floating toolbar to read text in other apps, or the web (Mac & PC)
- **Thunder** http://www.screenreader.net/ free screen reader and talking software for Windows 7, Vista or XP
- NVDA Non Visual Desktop Access http://www.nvdaproject.org/wiki/Download screen reader that reads any text displayed on computer screen from documents, folder names, menus, reads text online

# Web Conferencing Programs

- GoToMeeting web conferencing software www.gotomeeting.com
  - free iPad app allows accessing a broadcast from an iPad or iPhone
- WebEx web conferencing software www.webex.com
  - free iPad app allows accessing a broadcast from an iPad, iPod, Blackberry or other SmartPhones
- Elluminate www.elluminate.com
  - o up to 3 connections free voice, video, screen sharing

- Skype www.skype.com free screen sharing, audio calls, video, SMS, invite up to 25 collaborators at once
  - Quick on the fly, create contact lists that are private, custom settings

# **Collaboration Tools and Shared Whiteboards**

- **www.showdocument.com** collaboration tool to share documents, whiteboard, text **www.scriblink.com** shared online whiteboard
- http://drop.io/home document sharing collaboration tool
- http://vyew.com screen sharing, web collaboration tool use for on the fly teaching beyond classroom
- **EitherPad, iEitherPad for iPad** www.ietherpad.com/ multiple people edit the same document simultaneously on web, any changes are instantly reflected on everyone's screen.
- **Crocodoc** www.crocodoc.com share, collaborate, annotate PDF and Word documents from the web
- **TypeWithMe** http://typewith.me/ collaborative online typing documents

## Audio Books

OverDrive Media Console – http://www.overdrive.com/software/omc/ free - use for downloading and transferring audio books from a public library's website to an iPod, iPad, iPhone, Android, Blackberry, Windows Mobile phones, or to listen to audio books on the computer. Log into your local public library and search for audio books you can download using your library card. OverDrive will convert and transfer the files directly to you MP3 player.

**iTunesU** (The Apple Learning Interchange is being integrated into this) – accessed through iTunes on the iTunes Store – free

 Cultural and education institutions such as the Library of Congress, public broadcasting, and state departments of education also contribute to this growing educational content repository which now includes over 325,000 free lectures, audiobooks, lesson plans, and more. Resource for educators who want to gain insight into curriculum being taught world-wide, get access to primary resources, and find inspiration for enhancing teaching and learning with technology.

## Web 2.0 Programs for Students & Educators – all listed are free

## **Research Tools:**

- Instapaper www.instapaper.com capture and save web pages, change to text view strips out ads and only displays article, archive for later viewing. Read from iPad, Kindle, iPhone, computer or download and print.
- Great Summary www.greatsummary.com , summarizes articles on web
- **Eyeplorer** http://vionto.com/show
- **Dogo News** http://www.dogonews.com/ current event articles, website and maps for middle school students
- Google Wonder Wheel http://www.googlewonderwheel.com/

- Zotero Firefox and Word Plug-in http://www.zotero.org/
- **TimeGlider** http://timeglider.com/index.php timeline creator
- **StatPlanet** www.sacmeq.org/statplanet/StatPlanet.html statistical maps of countries
- **Evri** www.evri.com news aggregation for topic searching. Compiles current news articles on subject or topic
- Shmoop www.shmoop.com http://www.shmoop.com/literature/ (literature section) study and learning guides on topics from Literature, History, Economics, Music, etc. Excellent resource for searching for information on topics, teacher resources
- **Boducus** http://bodocus.com/ online documentaries on major subject matters
- **Awesome Highlighter** www.awesomehighlighter.com
- Scribble Maps http://www.scribblemaps.com/ active online Google maps that you can annotate, draw on, use drawing tools to add shapes, etc., then download, print, export in various formats
- Catch www.catch.com web page capture utility

## **Slide Show & Timeline Creation**

- Animoto http://animoto.com/
- 280Slides http://280slides.com/
- Capzles http://www.capzles.com/ online visual timeline creator
- Interactive Timeline Creator
  - http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/timeline/
  - Horizontal up to 6 events, Vertical up to 9 events time line creator
    - http://www.teach-nology.com/web\_tools/materials/timelines/

## Online File Storage

- BoxNet www.box.net online file storage
- **DropBox** www.dropbox.com
- Files Anywhere www.filesanywhere.com
- Evernote www.evernote.com

# Comic Book Creation Online

- http://www.zimmertwins.com/ Zimmer Twins
- http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/storymaker/ Story Maker
- http://www.scholastic.com/bone/comic\_maker.htm
- http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/Comix/
- http://sendables.jibjab.com/ movie creation using your own images
- Teachers Guide to Comic Book Creation
  - http://www.brighthub.com/education/k-12/articles/60323.aspx
- Xtranormal http://www.xtranormal.com/index create animations by typing in text

## Software to Install

- Comic Book Creator PC, Comic Life Mac
  - http://plasq.com/products/comiclife/win
- **Crazy Talk** morphing/movie creation program
  - o www.reallusion.com/crazytalk

# Assignment Tracking Tools

- **Soshiku** http://soshiku.com online student assignment organizer. Can send e-mail and SMS prompts on assignments due
- **TrakClass** http://trackclass.com class assignments tracker, add notes, papers, reports
- Pocket Informant HD app for iPhone, iPad assignment tracker, calendar, sync with Outlook
- **MyHomework** free app for iPad

# **Plagiarism Checker & Citation Tools**

- **The Plagiarism Checker** http://www.dustball.com/cs/plagiarism.checker/ online free plagiarism checker for teachers
- DocCop www.doccop.com checks for correlation matches between multiple documents
- Citation Machine www.citationmachine.net formats for citing sources
- BibMe www.bibme.org free citing software
- PaperRater www.paperrater.com reviews your paper for errors and possible plagiarism
- How to cite APA Style
  - http://www.nova.edu/library/dils/lessons/apa/print.htm
- **ScholarWord** http://scholarword.com/apa.htm software for computer, format your entire paper according to any of the leading style manuals.
- Revue of citation tools http://lib.calpoly.edu/research/citations/tools.html o
- EndNote http://www.endnote.com/enx4info.asp cite while you write. autohyperlink between in-text citations and the bibliography in EndNote X4 and Microsoft Word. Automatic citation report of references used in a Word document in your EndNote library.
- **EasyPaper** http://eazypaper.eazypaper-inc.qarchive.org/ plugs into Microsoft Word and automatically generates a document template outline according to APA, MLA, Turabian/Chicago, or AMA requirements.Term Paper, Thesis, Dissertation, and Journal Article templates. Generates title page, table of contents, references, bibliography, and more.
- RefWork http://www.refworks.com/ allows users to create personal databases and use them for a variety of research activities. References are quickly and easily imported from text files or online databases. Users can automatically insert references from their database into their paper and generate formatted bibliographies and manuscripts in seconds.

## Math Tools

- ConceptuaMath http://www.conceptuamath.com/
- GeoGebra http://www.geogebra.org/cms/ this installs to computer
- Chart Gizmo http://chartgizmo.com/ online chart builder
- Google SketchUp http://sketchup.google.com/
- Th!nklets Geometry and Algebra http://www.fi.uu.nl/wisweb/isdde/
- National Library of Virtual Manipulatives http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html
- AlgeBasics http://www.algebasics.com/ step by step algebra tutorials
- Dynamic Paper http://illuminations.nctm.org/ActivityDetail.aspx?ID=205 create worksheets with charts, spinners, graphs and more, then save as PDF or jpeg to print free

## Science

- Seismon http://www.iris.edu/seismon/ earthquakes
- Edheads http://www.edheads.org / simple machines
- **daylight map** http://www.daylightmap.com/index.php daylight map of globe
- Utah Education Network Interactive Science Website
  - http://www.uen.org/3-6interactives/science.shtml
  - Kids Sites Listing of 34 different interactive Science sites
    - http://www.kidsites.com/sites-edu/science.htm
- Apples 4 the Teacher http://www.apples4theteacher.com/science.html
  BBC interactive science activities
  - http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/index\_flash.shtml

## Books & Video

- FlexBooks www.ck12.org customizable, standards-aligned, free digital textbooks for K-12
- **Google Books** http://books.google.com/ books and articles in public domain, read or download with GooReader
- ReadPrint www.readprint.com 8000 free books, essays, plays, etc.
- **The Futures Channel** http://www.thefutureschannel.com/index.php The Futures Channel Movies and Activities, Hands-On, Real World Math and Science Lessons
- **Snag Learning** http://learning.snagfilms.com/ free documentary videos online from National Geographic and others

# Creating Tests & Quizzes

**Hot Potatoes** (free) – http://hotpot.uvic.ca/ – six applications, enabling you to create interactive multiple-choice, short-answer, jumbled-sentence, crossword, matching/ordering and gap-fill exercises for the World Wide Web.

## Lesson Plans, Teacher Resources

- **HippoCampus** www.hippocampus.org create or utilize a multimedia learning environment for class use Free
- **Thinkfinity** www.thinkfinity.org website contains a vast amount of resources for educators, lesson plans, ideas, interactive activities and more
- http://KenThomas.us this website has free high quality nature and outdoor images
- Lesson Plans and Free Tools http://www.suelebeau.com/freetools.htm
- Hot Chalk Lesson Plans http://www.lessonplanspage.com/
- Teacher Planet http://www.lessonplans.com/
- The Educators Reference Desk http://www.eduref.org/Virtual/Lessons/
- Discovery School http://school.discoveryeducation.com/lessonplans/
- **CSUN Lesson Plans** and links to 100's of other sites, teaching strategies and more http://www.csun.edu/~hcedu013/plans.html
- What do Maps Show -
  - http://egsc.usgs.gov/isb/pubs/teachers-packets/mapshow/
- Microsoft Lesson Plans technology focused
  - http://www.microsoft.com/education/LessonPlans.mspx
  - A to Z Teacher Stuff http://atozteacherstuff.com/Lesson\_Plans/
- Best of History Lesson Plans
  - o http://www.besthistorysites.net/LessonPlans.shtml
- McREL http://www.mcrel.org/lesson-plans/
- Everything ESL http://www.everythingesl.net/lessons/
- National Education Association Lesson Plans
  - http://www.nea.org/tools/LessonPlans.html
- ESL Lesson Plans
  - http://esl.about.com/od/englishlessonplans/English\_Lesson\_Plans\_for \_ESL\_EFL\_Classes.htm
- Science Lesson Plans http://www.col-ed.org/cur/science.html
- Internet4Classrooms http://www.internet4classrooms.com/lesson.htm
- Technology Lesson Plans from Adobe
  - o http://www.adobe.com/education/instruction/adsc/

# Graphic Organizers, Mind Mapping Tools and Templates Commercial:

- Spark Space http://www.spark-space.com/
- Inspiration & Kidspiration www.inspiration.com
- **SmartDraw** http://www.smartdraw.com/
- **Kurzweil 3000** www.kurzweiledu.com has a graphic organizer embedded as feature in the program
- **WiseMapping** http://www.wisemapping.com/c/home.htm

Free:

- Mindmeister http://www.mindmeister.com/ free web based
- Mindomo http://www.mindomo.com/ free web based
- **Bubbl.us** http://www.bubbl.us/ free web based brainstorming

- Ekpenso http://en.ekpenso.com/ online mind mapping tool
- Mapul http://www.mapul.com/
- MindNode http://www.mindnode.com/ concept mapping for Mac
- Web of web http://webofweb.net/ open source collaboration tool
- CMap http://cmap.ihmc.us/conceptmap.html
- Thinkature http://thinkature.com/
- http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/
- http://www.educationoasis.com/curriculum/graphic\_organizers.htm
- http://my.hrw.com/nsmedia/intgos/html/igo.htm
- http://www.graphicorganizers.com/

Firefox We Browser Add-ons - choose Tools menu, Add-ons, Get Add-ons

- **FireShot** web page capture add-on for Firefox toolbar
- NoSquint screen magnifier
- **Talking Clipboard** free version reads text on websites, paid allows you to export text as MP3 (earlier versions of Firefox 3 only)
- Wired Marker highlight text on web and saves highlights in categories
- Zotero cite websites
- **ClickSpeak** free text to speech add-on for earlier versions (Firefox 3 only)
- Video Download Helper capture, download video and image files from many sites
- **Yooper** highlight in one-click, permanent highlight, even on dynamic websites (Wikipedia, Gmail) data back-up on Yooper server, memory teaser and summary page, copy, print or e-mail highlights (Firefox 3 only)

# Add-ons for Internet Explorer 8

- To access Click the Tools button, and then click Manage Add-ons.
- Internet Explore add-ons: http://www.ieaddons.com/en/

# Apps for iPad

# Communication

- Proloquo2go A/AC software
- **iCommunicate** for iPad A/AC software
- TapToTalk A/AC software
- **iInteract** create communication boards with speaking
- Assistive Chat AAC device program for those with speech difficulty
- **iPrompts** A/AC communication program
- **iMean** large keyboard and different layouts, cursory word prediction
- **iAssist Communicator** designed for individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities uses photos
- SoundingBoard create communication boards, switch accessible
- **TapSpeak, TapSpeak Button, TapSpeak Choice** create communication boards, choice buttons, switch accessible
- **iTranslate** language translation need to be connected to web to use
- myLanguageTranslator online language translation

## Schedules

- HomeRoutines create routine lists with built in timers
- First Then Visual Schedule create visual schedules, record voice, import images,
- Vcommunicator Mobile Lite
- Picture Scheduler picture schedules, in sequence with voice prompts

## **Books, Writing, Document Readers**

- **Ebookhood** -www.ebookhood.com/ipod-ebook-creator a free application, download and install to convert text files to iPod e-book format.
- GoodReader document reader
- Stanza download commercial as well as over 50,000 free classics
- Kindle ebook reader access to Kindle listing of books
- Free Books 23,469 free classics
- iBooks book reader
- **PDF Reader Pro –** open PDF files
- Narrator limited number of free classics with voice playback
- ReaddleDocs open Word, PPT, txt, PDF files
- **OverDrive Media Console –** app to import/convert downloaded audio books from public libraries to play on device
- Speak It! text to speech program
- Dragon Dictate voice recognition need to be connected to web to use
- Web Reader HD reads text aloud on web pages with high quality voices
- Dragon Search voice recognition search request
- StoryKit create electronic storybooks for iPad
- Storyrobe similar to StoryKit book creation app
- Sonic Pics similar to PhotoStory 3 for PC
- Writers Studio creative writing for students
- Strip Designer comic book creation
- **Predictable** word processing program with word prediction, scanning
- Typ-O-HD word processing with word prediction
- Toontastic –story and animation
- **SpringPad** online note book
- Evernote online notebook, storage, add images, sounds, sync with other devices
- ShapeWriter type by dragging finger from letter to letter
- Auditorium writing notebook for iPad, can sync with DropBox
- InstaPaper captures webpage, clears adds
- iA Writer writing document

# Drawing, Animation, Mind Mapping

- **ReelDirector** combine videos
- iMovie edit video
- Idea Sketch mind mapping program
- Idea Lab- idea generation and brainstorming
- Animoto create movies from individual pictures

- **miAnimation** animation creation
- Draw Free drawing program
- iThoughts mind mapping program very good
- FlipIt! flipbook creator
- **Drawing Pad** similar to KidPix
- Photo Pad –edit images
- Puppetpals HD make puppets from image and animate

Print N Share – printing utility to print to shared printer on Wi-Fi networks

#### Organization

- To do for iPad to do checklists
- Awesome Notes note pad
- **Adobe Ideas –** sketch, organize ideas
- Toodledo task manager

#### Math and Science

- **Planets –** planet positions in sky with stars
- SkyOrb 3D stars in your current location or set location
- Solar Walk 3D solar system, interactive, facts
- NASA NASA sites, movies, images
- **Contraption –** build simple machines to solve problems
- MathBoard
- **Soulver –** translates written word problem into math answer
- Jumbo Calculator

IEP Checklist AutismTrack

#### Lecture/Recording Apps

- Soundnote
- Note Taker HD
- Audio Note
- QuickVoice
- Auditorium

## Video & Broadcast from Computer to iPad/iPod Apps

- GoodPlayer Plays Xvid, AVI, WMV, Divx movie formats on iPad
- **ZumoCast** http://www.zumocast.com/ stream video to an iPad from a Macintosh
- **Air Video** http://www.inmethod.com/air-video/getting-started.html stream videos in any format from your computer to an iPad or iPod Mac/PC
- Air Display extend desktop display to iPad

#### **GoToMeeting**, **WebEx** – connect to web conferencing apps

**ZoomReader** – http://mobile.aisquared.com – app on iTunes App Store for iPhone, iPod, iPad - take a picture of any page, program will read it back with high quality text to speech voices

# Hardware Accessories for iPad/iPod

- PASCO Airlink2 (use with SPARKvue software on iPad/iPod) Bluetooth connectivity of PASCO science probes displaying real time data on iPad/iPod – www.pasco.com
- **ProScope Mobile** (Bodelin) wifi enabled digital microscope that broadcasts to iPads http://www.bodelin.com/proscopehr/
- Apple Camera Connection Kit allows you to connect your digital camera to iPad to upload images, or plug in SD card to upload directly from the card. www.apple.com or from Apple Stores
- Apple VGA Adapter allows for playing video and presentations out from iPad to a projector, mirror entire iPad2 screen to projector - www.apple.com or from Apple Stores
- Apple Wireless Keyboard www.apple.com or from Apple Stores
- Apple Composite AV Cable watch video on a big screen with full stereo sound by connecting iPad to the composite video and stereo audio inputs on TV - www.apple.com or from Apple Stores
- Apple Component AV Cable Watch iPad video on a big screen with full stereo sound by connecting iPad to the component video and stereo audio inputs on TV
- **Apple Digital AV Adapter** (for iPad2) show slides, movies, photos, and everything else that fills your iPad screen on an HDTV. The Apple Digital AV Adapter mirrors exactly what you see on your iPad to a widescreen TV, video projection screen, or other HDMI-compatible display.
- **RJ's iPad Switch Interface** wireless switch interface for iPad from R.J.Cooper http://www.rjcooper.com/
- Blue2 Bluetooth Switch www.Ablenetinc.com dual switch provides access to compatible iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch applications via Bluetooth wireless technology.
- **Griffin Stylus** http://www.griffintechnology.com/ Stylus for capacitive touchscreens such as iPad
- Pogo Stylus for iPad found online at Amazon.com, http://www.boxwave.com/
  - o Boxwave has other stylus available also

## **Online Teacher Resources**

- Edutopia http://www.edutopia.org/
- Technology & Learning http://www.techlearning.com/
- Connect with Music http://www.connectwithmusic.org/
- Microsoft Guides for Teachers -

http://www.microsoft.com/education/teachers/guides/default.aspx

- The Gateway to Educational Materials Project - http://www.thegateway.org/

- Intel Education

http://www.intel.com/about/corporateresponsibility/education/k12/index.htm

- Thinkfinity Sponsored by Verizon Foundation Lesson Plans and Educational Resources http://www.thinkfinity.org/
- Apple Learning Interchange http://edcommunity.apple.com/ali/
- iTunesU launch iTunes, go to the iTunes Store, choose the iTunesU tab from the menu options at the top. This area will be replacing the Apple Learning Interchange as of Sept. 3, 2010
- Section of Apple Website with Mac OSX Applications many free for download

http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/home\_learning/

## Free Access Tools

- **CaptionTube** http://www.captiontube.appspot.com/ create captions for YouTube videos.
- **Camera Mouse** http://www.cameramouse.org/ free program that enables you to control the mouse pointer on your computer screen just by moving your head. (PC)
- iNavigate 1.1 http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/home\_learning/inavigate.html Uses iSight camera in Macintosh – head mouse similar to Camera Mouse
- Zoom It http://www.pendriveapps.com/ can be used as a replacement Zoom Tool for Windows. This Screen Zooming Tool functions much like like the Mac OS X Zoom Tool but was designed for Windows XP and Vista Operating Systems. ZoomIt enables you to quickly Zoom in and out of a section of your screen using your Mouse wheel and can be enabled or disabled via any customized key configuration.
- **Strokelt** http://www.tcbmi.com/strokeit/ Mouse gestures for Windows similar to GMote
- NVDA Non Visual Desktop Access http://www.nvdaproject.org/wiki/Download - screen reader that reads any text displayed on computer screen from documents, folder names, menus, reads text online – free (PC)
- **Dwell Click** http://www.sensorysoftware.com/dwellclicker.html for those who can operate the mouse pointer, but not the buttons. For example, users of a head mouse can use this software to control mouse operated Windows programs.
- ClickAid Mouse Helper http://www.polital.com/ca/ free stand-alone onscreen mouse aid designed for anyone who has difficulty switching between mouse buttons or double clicking on a physical computer mouse. It will work with all mouse systems including head mouse and touch screen devices. (PC)
- **Dynamic Keyboard** http://www.canassist.ca/dynamic-keyboard The Dynamic Keyboard is an on-screen keyboard which allows you to type using

your computer and an input device such as a joystick, trackball, mouse, single switch, among others. As you type, the Dynamic Keyboard also anticipates what you are trying to type and helps you choose the right letters and words faster. (PC)

- **Click-N-Type** http://www.lakefolks.org/cnt/ free scalable onscreen keyboard with word prediction, language modules customizable (PC)
- Thunder http://www.screenreader.net/ free screen reader and talking software for people with little or no sight - it works well with Windows 7, Vista or XP (PC)
- **Natural Reader** http://www.naturalreaders.com/ free text to speech, floating toolbar to read in other apps, or the web (Mac and PC)

# **Digital Cameras in the Classroom:**

- iPod Nano www.apple.com built in video capture camera, plays audio books, audio files in MP3 format, easy to use, inexpensive (8 gig model about \$139.00)
- Flip Camcorder http://www.theflip.com/ inexpensive, easy to use portable camcorder, built in microphone, built in USB plug to transfer movies to Mac or PC

## Flip Cameras, conversion software, software to create projects

- The Flip Camera in the Elementary School Classroom http://cnx.org/content/m32297/latest/
- Many ways to use Flip Cameras in the classroom http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2010/03/many-ways-to-use-flip-camerasin.html
- Educational Uses of Digital Story Telling
- http://digitalstorytelling.coe.uh.edu/
- Educational Uses for the Flip http://www.digmo.co.uk/edu/10-education-uses-for-flip-video/
- 44 Ways to use a pocket video camera www.ideastoinspire.co.uk/pocketvideo.htm
- Flip Camera ideas http://www.ehow.com/list\_5801226\_flip-camera-ideas.html
- Movie Making in the Classroom http://blogs.scholastic.com/top\_teaching/2010/01/movie-making.html
- 40 Ways to use a Pocket Video Camera. There is a listing of over 20 other weblinks for ideas on using the Flip in the classroom here. http://richland.k12.la.us/flip.html
- Flip videos can be converted to MP4 format and synced onto iPod or iPads using the free programs:
- PC: WinFX Video Converter (free) http://softziz.com/2010/06/winfx-video-converter-winff-1-2/
- Mac: multiple listings for programs found at http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/video/

# iPod/iPad Resource Sites

## - iPod & iPad User Group Wiki

http://wiki.canby.k12.or.us/groups/ipodusergroup/

# - iPhone, iPod and iPad Apps for Special Education listing

http://www.scribd.com/doc/24470331/iPhone-iPad-and-iPod-touch-Apps-for-Special-Education

## - iPods and iPads in Education

http://www.teachingnews.co.uk/2010/07/ipads-and-ipods-in-education-part-2/

- **Learning Continuity with iPads** – app listing for education http://sites.google.com/site/learningcontinuity/with-ipads

## - iPad Apps in Science

http://www.educatoral.com/wordpress/2010/06/30/ipads-in-science/

# Free movie and slide show creation software: At the Microsoft website

http://www.microsoft.com - enter in the search either of these three programs

- Windows Movie Maker (Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7)
- Windows Live Movie Maker (Vista, Windows 7)
- PhotoStory easy to use slide show creation, allows narration, importing of music
- Easy Slide Show Creator for Macintosh http://easy-slide-show-creator.mac.findmysoft.com/ (Commercial Program)
- **iMovie** on a Macintosh can create slide shows from stills
- **QuickTime Pro** can create a slide show on a Mac or PC from still images. You can import narration, effects, etc.

# Webcams:

- QuickCam www.logitech.com
- Microsoft LifeCam Cinema

http://www.microsoft.com/hardware/digitalcommunication/productdetails.aspx?pid=008

## Time Lapse Movies Using WebCams – software and examples

- Plants in Motion
  - o http://plantsinmotion.bio.indiana.edu/plantmotion/starthere.html
- HandyAvi http://www.azcendant.com/
- BTV Pro for Macintosh http://www.bensoftware.com/btv/index.html
  - PC http://www.freedownloadmanager.org/downloads/time\_lapse\_software/
  - iStop Motion Mac http://www.boinx.com/istopmotion/overview/

Software can also take digital stills and put them together as a time lapse movie. QuickTime Pro can do this as well as programs from http://www.worldcam.eu/software.html

## Inexpensive Classroom Document Cameras & Digital Microscopes

# - The Ladibug

http://www.myladibug.com/ - approx \$350.00

- Can purchase a wireless base, use anywhere around the room, affordable - most document cameras price ranges are \$500 - \$1,200
- Epson DC06 Document Camera \$400.00 (less at Amazon) 1024x768 resolution, 4x digital zoom

http://www.protechprojection.com/inc/sdetail/17315 www.epson.com

- **Point 2 View** Inexpensive (under \$100.00) Document Camera P2V http://caineassociates.com/
- Digital Blue QX5 (and QX3) Microscope http://store.digiblue.com/ less than \$100.00
- PC Microscope http://www.tfeinc.com/shop/ approx \$69.00
- Pro Scope http://www.bodelin.com/proscopehr/ higher end, \$300.00 and up

## **Classroom Case Studies**

http://www.myladibug.com/teacher.php?s=Case%20Studies

## 50 Ideas for Using Document Cameras in the Classroom

http://www.edtechnetwork.com/document\_cameras.html

## Netbooks

- Pros: small, inexpensive, portable, lightweight, runs Windows OS and will run most applications that would run on a typical computer
- Cons: smaller screen size typically 800x480 or 1024x600, entry models have only 1 Gig Ram, need to scroll up and down to see entire screen, smaller keyboards, slower processors, typically come with XP, no installed CD/DVD drive - need to typically purchase an external CD/DVD drive as an accessory

Echo/Livescribe Pulse Pen - http://www.livescribe.com/en-us/ - Use to create

- Interactive Boardmaker communication boards, activities
- Inspiration 9 activities on paper
- Study activities such as maps which read facts when a state is clicked on

## Canson Paper Show - http://www.shoppapershow.com/

- Wirelessly display PaperShow pages on computer screen and to projector
- Ideas on use from Brian Friedlander's blog

http://assistivetek.blogspot.com/2009/04/using-papershow-with-powerpoint.html

- Canson PaperShow and Pulse Pen ideas in the classroom http://blogs.usm.maine.edu/ctel/2010/06/15/the-pen-is-mightier/

**KNFB Reader** – www.knfbreader.com – software for certain model Nokia cellphones that allows a user to take a picture of any page of text, the program will then read it back with high quality text to speech voices

**Intel Reader** - http://www.donjohnston.com/products/intel\_reader/ - high-resolution camera with the power of an Intel Atom<sup>™</sup> processor that converts printed text to digital text, and then reads it aloud while highlighting the text onscreen.

**ZoomReader** (\$20.00) – app for iPhone from the iTunes App Store, allows a user to take a picture of any page of text, the program will then read it back with high quality text to speech voices

**Scanners** – create access to written text using text to speech by scanning a document into a computer using: Kurzweil 3000 www.kurzweiledu.com , Read and Write Gold www.texthelp.com , Premier Scan and Read www.readingmadeeasy.com, OmniPage Pro www.nuance.com , Readiris http://www.irislink.com , WYNN Wizard http://www.freedomscientific.com , **Simple OCR (free)** http://www.simpleocr.com/

**Easy-Speak Microphone** – easy to use portable microphone, runs on batteries, records, saves, playback on device, USB plug on device allows you to download MP3 sound files to computer to use. http://www.educcomp.co.nz/easi-speak.htm

**Interlink VP3420** (formerly Go-Speak) – wireless portable Voice Amplification for the classroom http://www.touchboards.com/interlink/Interlink\_VP3420.html (approx \$450.00) – Research has proven a voice amplification system has a direct impact on learning