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Jeannette's Low tech Tool Kit

Items	Justification
Line reader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To keep student on line they are reading or copying. • I have 4-5 different colors, student picks color that works for them.
Magnification Bar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help student keep online they are reading and copying. It also enlarges text for the student that may need increased font.
Ruler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used to keep students eyes on text they are reading.
Text blockers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This blocks text below and about 2 inches above where the student is reading. Helps the student focus on what they are trying to read or copy.
Highlight Markers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not used in textbooks. Used to highlight information that the student needs to focus on such as directions, problems they are responsible for and where the answer needs to be placed.
Paper Clips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I use these so students can mark where they left off in reading. I often use different colors to indicate start and finish. • Place their homework sheet within the book they will need to use to complete the homework.
Colored pencils or markers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For students that need color to help them remember information. The sentence goes in one color the keyword in a color of choice. • Students can draw a picture to remember a word. • Students can use colored pencils like highlight markers but the erase. • Create colorful word bubbles.
Black Sharpies in different sizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps darken lines or text. • Used for writing. • Outline information.
Small bolts and washers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows me to create a specialized weighted writing instrument.
Hot Glue Gun or glue dots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows me to secure the washers and bolts. • Can create page fluffier • Make a stopper so the pencil doesn't roll off slanted surface.

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Assorted pencil grips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used for proper alignment for writing • Use it so the pencil does not roll off slanted surface.
Crayola model magic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can make customized pencil grips • Used for sensory activity while student waits. • Used for creating letters
Different size binders ½ in to 5 in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use them as a slant board • Wipe off surface
Post it notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use it for students taking notes in a book • Putting things in order • Jotting a question down while they are reading • Word list
Assorted colored paper and lines Graph paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used for writing, indicating ok, question, help • Graph paper to support alignment and students writing.
Velcro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure items
Duct Tape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can't be done with duct tape.
PVC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slant boards • Pencil holder • Crayon holder • Book Stand
Pens Pens and more Pens	<p>I try to keep a ton of different pens and pencils on hand. Sometimes changing the pen or pencil the student is using may improve their ability to write.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf pencils • Thick barrel pens • Flex pens
Visual Timers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows the student to see how much time is left before transition. • Allows student control over work pace.
Post it Flags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps the student identify what is important • Where he /she needs to start working • Indicate where they need to start / finish • Where they student left off • Indicate where the answer can be found. • Allows the student to indicate words they don't know.
Colored Folders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red: Can't do without support • Yellow: have some questions • Green: I am good to go. • Red: Finished • Yellow: I need help/ have some questions • Green: Everything I need to do this period or day

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Goal Sheet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I use this with my older students. They write down what they expect to accomplish for the period. Outline what supports they may need. It is handed in with their work. They grade themselves on how they performed on a scale 1-5. One of the last questions: If you had a difficult time with this assignment, how can we improve it?
Transparency Colors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing the text color for some students allows them to be able to read with greater fluency. • Track information on paper.
Small digital Recorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To record reminders • To answer questions • To give students audio directions that can be replayed.
Page Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving work to an easier viewing plane.
Writing Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard lined surface that helps students stay within their writing area. • Photocopy and you have alternating line paper • Can be used to make columns for a student when working in math.
Talking Hot Dots Pen Set	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows you to make worksheets for students that can hold a tool but cannot write. • Make games for students to reinforce knowledge.
Number and letter Stamps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows the students to spell and write without the focus on controlling the pencil. • Reinforces concepts of print.
Magnetic Poetry words and concepts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used for writing – reading
Top Loaders or plastic covers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student can practice before completing task • Stops student from ripping up work
Word Walls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For reading and writing
Phone books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create personalized dictionaries or frequently misspelled words • I also have the students create a thesaurus of words that go into their word cemetery. Words they cannot use while writing (like, said, because).
Paper templates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual organizers • Writing reference tools • Checklist