

Tech Tip of the Week



Literacy....

Is part of life for young and old

Is reading, writing and the desire to learn.

Technology provides the motivation and prompts for struggling readers

Options increase access to the curriculum and independent learning

Thinking *Universal Design* increases peer partnerships and shared learning

Emergent literacy focuses on oral language, early experiences with print, picture books and early writing

Linking

Language concepts
Print concepts
Phonemic awareness
Letters and numbers
Story telling & retelling
Shared stories
Prediction
Comprehension



for.....with

Early childhood
Elementary school
Middle school
High School
Older adults
Learning disabilities
Visual impairments
Traumatic brain injuries
Strokes

Technology

Adapted books
Graphic organizers
Text readers
Software: IntelliTools,-
Balanced Literacy, My
Own Bookshelf, Clicker
software, and Writing with
Symbols, Earobics
Bookworm
Braille'n Speak Scholar
Mountbatten Brailer
Voice output devices
Word walls using PECS
Web-based literacy
programs

Want to know more:

Products for building literacy:

www.bridges-canada.com/webcatalog.asp?category=Resource+Materials&subcategory=Practical

A Framework for Braille Literacy: Evaluation assistive technology tools for the literacy curriculum.

Summary of conference presentation <http://www.csun.edu/cod/conf/2003/proceedings/42.htm>

Bookworm – makes almost any book a “talking book”

<http://www.ablenetinc.com/cart/Browse.asp?txtSearchString=Bookworm&sbSubmitBtn=SEARCH>