

Butterflies For Change

Presents

Handy
Examples for
Learning
Progress



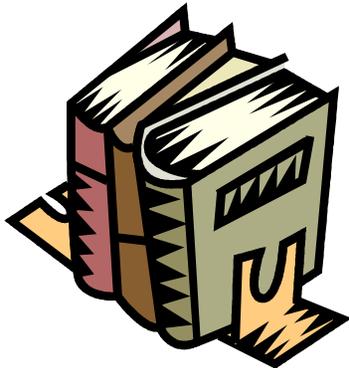
A mini-book of ideas and resources to ensure ALL students are included in the general education classroom.

Introduction

Everyday in classrooms all over the world students are expected to do what the teacher tells them to do. Some students can do that. They are able to write a story, do the math problems, and read the book that is assigned. They are like a nice strong book that is able to stand up without falling over. Other students need help. They need help from the school, their teachers and their peers. They also need help from their parents. They are like a floppy paperback book that needs two strong bookends to hold it up. Each bookend has to exert pressure to make sure the book does not flop to one side or the other.

We can think of the "school and the teachers" as one of the bookends and the "parents" as the other bookend. The problem is that often parents do not know what to do to hold up their end of the job. This mini-book gives just a few ideas for parents. As more ideas evolve, we will add them to our collection. Check our website at www.butterfliesforchange.org for additional ideas.

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Educational and FUN

Kerpoof

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

The Kerpoof website is owned and operated by the Walt Disney Company. What is Kerpoof? The answer to that is not so simple. Kerpoof is all about having fun, discovering things, and being creative. Here are just a few ways that you can use Kerpoof:

- Make artwork (even if you aren't good at drawing!)
- Make an animated movie (really! it's easy!)
- Earn Koins which you can trade for fun things in the Kerpoof Store
- Make a printed card, t-shirt, or mug
- Tell a story
- Make a drawing
- Vote on the movies, stories, and drawings that other people have made

Kid Pix

Kid Pix Studio Deluxe gives kids six unique painting, drawing, and animation projects to select from. Kids can draw and paint with Kid Pix itself; animate and play with Stampimator, Moopies, Wacky TV, and Digital Puppets; and showcase their work with SlideShow. Empowers kids and encourages them to develop their creative and artistic skills. With Kid Pix Studio Deluxe kids can create almost anything! \$15 - \$35.

Broderbund

<http://www.broderbund.com>

This publisher has many educational games for kids. The prices are reasonable and the games are fun. Kids can learn more about phonics, numbers and logical thinking. The Reader Rabbit series has long been praised as an excellent reinforcement for early reading skills. Prices range from \$9.99 - 29.99.

Curriculum Support

Brain Pop

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

BrainPOP creates animated, curriculum-based content that supports educators and engages students. Our award-winning online educational resources include [BrainPOP Jr. \(K-3\)](#), [BrainPOP](#), [BrainPOP Español](#), and the newly launched [BrainPOP ESL](#). All are supported by [BrainPOP Educators](#), which features free lesson plans, video tutorials, professional development tools, graphic organizers, and best practices for our teacher community. About \$100 yearly

Thinkfinity Literacy Network

Thinkfinity Literacy Network delivers free, top-quality online educational resources for literacy instruction and lifelong learning for adults and family literacy programs. The content on TLN strengthens literacy development, creativity and critical thinking skills for success in the 21st Century.

<http://literacynetwork.verizon.org/TLN/>

VoiceThread

Ed.VoiceThread is a web-based communications network for K-12 students and educators. Simple, powerful and safe, Ed.VoiceThread is a place for creating and collaborating on digital stories and documentaries, practicing and documenting language skills, exploring geography and culture, solving math problems, or simply finding and honing student voices.

<http://voicethread.com/about/k12/>

Trudy's Time & Place House® by Edmark \$9.00 on Amazon
Activities found in Trudy expand the students knowledge of the world around them through new modules that allow students to visit and compare cities, towns and the countryside and a new jobs module in which students learn about people in the community and what they do. This is in addition to the already well-loved time, cardinal and relative direction, map symbols and Landmark activities - all part of understanding traveling with confidence.

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Writing

Kidspiration (<http://www.inspiration.com/kidspiration>)

Helps all students map their thoughts and translate them into a word processing file. It develops thinking, literacy and numeracy skills using proven visual learning principles. Strengthens word recognition, vocabulary, comprehension and written expression. With new visual math tools, students build reasoning and problem solving skills.

Download a free trial for 30 days or purchase a copy for \$69

The screenshot shows the Kidspiration software interface. At the top, there is a central character named Annie, a backpack, and two small windows: "My classmates" showing pictures of Tyronne and Rebecca, and "What I learn at school" showing a butterfly and a globe. Below these are several text boxes with icons and sample text:

- Annie at School**: My name is Annie Taylor. I am 8 years old.
- Things I take to school**: I carry my lunch to school in my backpack. Sometimes I also bring a toy for show and tell. One time I brought a bird nest I found in our yard.
 - crayons: I like to draw. My favorite thing to draw is horses. I wish I had my own horse to ride.
 - apple: My mom gives me an apple every day in my lunch.
- What I learn at school**: I am in the third grade. My teacher is Mr. Jarecki. He is nice.
 - butterflies: We watched a movie about butterflies. We learned about their life cycle. They hatch from eggs as caterpillars. The caterpillar makes a chrysalis. Then a pretty butterfly comes out!
 - spelling: We learned how to spell "exaggerate." My sister exaggerates when she tells stories.
 - where I live: Mr. Jarecki taught us about maps today. I found our country on the globe.
- My friends**: I like school because I can play with my friends at recess. I have lots of friends at school.
 - Rebecca: My best friend is Rebecca. She has a puppy named Bear. He is brown and has floppy ears.
 - Tyronne: Manuel lives next door. We play together after school.

Assistive Technology

IntelliKeys

Open Up the World of Computer Access for Struggling Learners IntelliKeys USB plugs into the computer's USB port and provides access for anyone with physical, visual, or cognitive disabilities who has difficulty using a standard keyboard. In combination with its many overlays, it is the most flexible alternative keyboard available, providing individualized support for young students, struggling learners, and ESL students.

<http://store.cambiumlearning.com/ProgramPage.aspx?parentId=074003405&functionID=009000008&site=itc>

Visual Voice Tools

Visual Voice Tools™ is a collection of seven tools that help students and clients develop fine control of their voices. Beginning with simple sound awareness, students progress through multiple aspects of voice control. Students learn and practice fine control of pitch, loudness, voicing, and breath control for phonation.

The All New Conversa™ Touch Screen Tablet

The Words+ Conversa™ is a complete augmentative communication device that is funded by Medicare. The client can choose Say-it! SAM, EZ Keys, or third party communication software. The Conversa™ is completely adaptable from simple touch screen, mouse, or keyboard input to all kinds of scanning and pointing techniques.

<http://www.words-plus.com/website/products/syst/conversa.htm>

Spelling Help

Spelling City

<http://www.spellingcity.com/parent-spelling-resources.html>

SpellingCity.com can give you the spelling help you need to make spelling fun for your kids. Can you imagine watching your child tackle his or her weekly spelling list with as much enthusiasm as a video game? Do you find yourself at a loss for how to make weekly spelling practice exciting? Are you looking for some free spelling help for your child?

Reading Help

Starfall

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

Motivates children to read with phonics. Systematic phonics approach, in conjunction with phonemic awareness practice. Starfall is an educational alternative to other entertainment choices for children.

Reading A-Z

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

Meets the reading needs of a diverse student population. Research-based reading resources for differentiated instruction

Bailey's Book House® by Edmark \$11.99 on Amazon

Builds a foundation for reading by exploring letters, words, rhyming and sentence building. Through nine playful activities, students learn about letter names and sounds, rhyming words, adjectives, how text relates to visual symbols, positional words, letter recognition, sentence building and much more. These activities help build language concepts and thinking skills students need to communicate and make sense of the world around them. Can be downloaded and played from GameTap website.

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

Writing Format

To help a child begin write he/she has to be able to write an organized paragraph.

Introduce your topic.

Today we went to the symphony.

Write a sentence to tell more about your topic.

The conductor told us about the six flags over Texas.

Give an example or elaborate.

They played songs from each of the countries and showed the flag.

Write a second sentence to tell something else about your topic.

The music was very loud and long.

Give an example or elaborate.

During one song man read something Abraham Lincoln said.

Write a third sentence to elaborate even more.

The big bass was my favorite instrument.

Give an example or elaborate.

All the musicians were very good.

Restate your original topic.

The symphony trip was a lot of fun.

Keyboarding/Typing

If a child cannot type, then using a computer becomes a chore rather than a productive tool! (or the parent does the typing!)

Purchase or download a keyboarding program and let your child practice about 10 -15 a day. There are great games, which help them develop their knowledge of the keyboard. You will be amazed at the improvement.

Find some reviews here: <http://typing-software-review.toptenreviews.com/>

Recommended program to purchase:

Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing® (Platinum 20 \$19.99) is a tried and true keyboarding program designed for ages 8 and up. "I have seen it work on thousands of students who used it daily in my computer class."

Ten Thumbs Typing Tutor 4.7 for Mac
http://download.cnet.com/Ten-Thumbs-Typing-Tutor/3000-2051_4-10027154.html?tag=mncol

Al Bunny's Typing Class
<http://www.sunmoonusa.com/AlBunny.htm>

Type the letters and see if the bunny can beat the turtle (java)

Learn 2 Type Online Typing Tutor
<http://www.learn2type.com/>

Get an account, and learn to type

Writing a Story or Report

Science Writer

Science Writer is an interactive, web-based instructional learning tool designed to help students in writing a complete science report; it supports students throughout the process of writing a science report. Research has revealed several effective instructional practices in improving the written language performance of students, and Science Writer has been designed to provide these:

- A breakdown of the report writing process into manageable components
- Scaffolds for each step of the writing process
- an organizational structure for report writing
- Sentence starters to help initiate the writing
- **Sign up for a free account!**
- <http://sciencewriter.cast.org/overview>

Book Builder

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

Welcome to the **new CAST Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Book Builder!** Use this site to create, share, publish, and read digital books that engage and support diverse learners according to their individual needs, interests, and skills.

Writing help for teachers

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

Writing A-Z is a dynamic site that provides teachers with all the resources necessary to teach the common process writing genres, including expository, narrative, persuasive, procedural, and transactional.