



Teaching Tips and Strategies: Using Assistive Technology to Improve Literacy



The use of iPads and other devices have opened up the world of technology to the average classroom and have been instrumental in helping some of the most challenged students read, talk and connect.

Assistive technology - devices and software - like tablets and Apps - can be a great equalizer for students with disabilities. Whether it's low-tech or high-tech or somewhere in the middle, assistive technology in the classroom can play an important role in reducing barriers to learning for students with special needs. Teachers can use tablets to help students with a host of needs, including communication, reading, fine motor skills, writing and handwriting.

Assistive technology can also help teachers personalize lessons and skills enhancement for each child.

Constantly changing, this technology provides adaptations to help students succeed in math, vocabulary, reading comprehension, even writing and expressive language. E-readers can help students turn book pages without applying dexterity and voice-adaptive software can help students answer questions without needing to write, which builds confidence and independence. If you haven't tried them out yet, now might be just the time. Tablets have become a successful tool so quickly because they are portable, easy to use and fun. Your students will love them!

