



Assistive Technology Ideas that Work

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What we did:
 Provided 4 sequenced trainings (2 1/2 hours each) over a 1-school year period. Targeted teachers and para-educators who had the tools in the classroom but were not using them. 1) Surveyed their use of the tools 2) Provided training assuming no knowledge of the system. It included: using Intellitools activities that are on CD's and pre-made overlays; Using Intellitools activities that are already downloaded onto the schools network (how to retrieve and play those activities; websites that have activities to download – how to download, unzip, and save; creating thematic unit including Intellitools activities from any of the various already taught sources; how to edit an already created activity; how to create an activity/overlay from scratch.

What it accomplished:
 At the end of the school year, every classroom was using the Intellitools at some level. Some staff were motivated to edit activities. The creating will take more training, but the tools are being used and the staff and students are growing.

Comments or Suggestions:
 Teach these concepts in small segments. It seemed that the staff felt they were building on each segment and I think we minimized frustration.

Attachments:

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