Instructional Websites

This list of instructional websites was generated by regional teachers submitting websites that have been found useful. If you have an additional website to add to the list, please send to [Deb.myers@grrec.ky.gov](mailto:Deb.myers@grrec.ky.gov). Thanks. (September 2011)

**General Educational Websites**

**abcteach**  
This is the place for kids, parents, student teachers, and teachers with 5000+ free printable pages and worksheets.

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

**Access Center**

This website offers FREE professional development materials and instructional resources.

[www.k8accesscenter.org](http://www.k8accesscenter.org)

**Brain Pop**

BrainPOP creates animated, curriculum-based content that engages students, supports educators, and bolsters achievement. Our award-winning online educational resources include [**BrainPOP Jr.**](http://www.brainpopjr.com) (K-3), [**BrainPOP**](http://www.brainpop.com), [**BrainPOP Español**](http://esp.brainpop.com), and [**BrainPOP ESL**](http://www.brainpopesl.com). A subscription fee is required; however, a limited trial is available.

[www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com)

**Cindy’s Autistic Support**

Cindy’s Autistic Supportis created by an autistic support teacher and offers resources, free downloads, and information for parents and other professionals.This site has a huge volume of resources for those who work with students with autism spectrum disorders.

[**http://www.cindysautisticsupport.com/**](http://www.cindysautisticsupport.com/)

**Dositey**

This website has games, exercises involving interactive lessons for grades Kindergarten through Grade 8. [www.dositey.com](http://www.dositey.com/)

**easyCBM Lite Edition**

*easyCBM™* is an enhanced district assessment system designed by researchers at the University of Oregon as an integral part of an RTI (Response to Intervention) model. Distributed exclusively by Riverside, it provides school districts, administrators, and teachers with a full suite of assessment and reporting options, offering a complete solution at every tier of the RTI process. This site has FREE progress monitoring tools if you register as a teacher. If the entire district uses it, then it costs $1.00 per child.

[www.easyCBM.com](http://www.easyCBM.com)

**Ed Helper**

EdHelper is dedicated to providing teachers a single shop or educational resources. This website includes teacher lesson plans and worksheets for reading, math for pre-kindergarten through high school. A subscription fee is required- Individual accounts for basic subscription is $19.99 per year and everything subscription is $39.99.

[www.edhelper.com](http://www.edhelper.com)

**Internet4classrooms**

The web portal which we call i4c is free to anyone who wants to find high-quality, free Internet resources to use in their classroom instruction. The portal is used by teachers on six of the seven continents (there are not many classrooms in Antarctica) and is available to anyone with an Internet connection.

<http://www.internet4classrooms.com/>

**Intervention Central**

Intervention Central provides teachers, schools and districts with free resources to help struggling learners and implement Response to Intervention.

[www.interventioncentral.org](http://www.interventioncentral.org)

**RubiStar**

**RubiStar** is a free tool to help teachers create quality rubrics. Registered users can save and edit rubrics online. You can access them from home, school, or on the road. Registration and use of this tool is free, so click the Register link in the login area to the right to get started now.

<http://rubistar.4teachers.org/index.php>

**Sites for Teachers**

Sitesforteachers.com is a list of the best teacher's resource and educational sites on the net.Sitesforteachers.com contains only links to sites that contain teacher's resource and educational material and the sites are ranked by popularity. No more surfing countless pages to find the occasional "good" site. Also, sitesforteachers.com doesn't just allow any site on the list. Sitesforteachers.com has strict rules for the listed webmasters. It's free for the visitor and it's free for the webmaster to get listed. All I ask is that you visit the site sponsors.

<http://www.sitesforteachers.com/index.html>

**Special Education Technology British Columbia**

SET-BC is a Ministry of Education Provincial Resource Program established to assist school districts in educating students whose access to the curriculum is restricted primarily due to the following disabilities: physical disabilities or chronic health impairments, visual impairments, dependent handicaps, deaf-blindness, autism spectrum disorders, & moderate to profound intellectual disabilities. The website provides various visual supports already made and ready to download. <http://www.setbc.org/>

**Study Island**

The Study Island Kentucky Standards Mastery and K-Prep Preparation Program is specifically designed to help students master the content specified in the Kentucky Core Academic Standards. Study Island's focus on the Kentucky Core Academic Standards enables students to improve their performance in all skill areas tested on the Kentucky K-Prep tests in grades 3 through 8 and high school. Study Island also offers Math and Reading Skills for Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, Fine Arts, Health, and Technology for Elementary and Middle School, and High School Algebra II Skills Mastery products. Study Island is requires a subscripton fee and does provide a limited trial.

<http://www.studyisland.com/demoAsk.cfm?myState=KY>

**Unique Learning System**

Unique Learning System is the ONLY online, dynamic, standards-based curriculum specifically designed for special learners. Subscribers download monthly instructional thematic units of study. Each unit contains 29 lesson plans and downloadable materials that teachers can readily implement into classroom learning activities. All materials are created using SymbolStix graphics. The unit lesson plans define three levels of differentiated tasks to accommodate the diversity of learners with significant disabilities. News2U is available from Unique learning. Various packages are available for subscriptions for a fee.

<http://unique.n2y.com/>

**Zac Browser**

Zac Browser is an internet browser specifically for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Zac Browser has multiple resources and links appropriate for children with ASD. To leave Zac Browser, special keys must be pressed to escape which makes it safe for children.

<http://zacbrowser.com/>

**Reading Websites**

**Baltimore City Schools.**

This is a website with 758 books adapted. If you have your own copy of the book, the files that allow you to print the symbols that were used to adapt the books. These PCS can be cut out and glued into your own book so that you can read the adapted book again and again to your child or students. All files with symbols were created using Boardmaker Version 5.0.10 and require you to have that program loaded onto your computer into order to access these files.

<http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1446>

**Florida Center for Reading Research**

A team of teachers at FCRR collected ideas and created Student Center Activities for use in kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms. All educators are welcome to make print copies of the Student Center Activities as long as modifications are not made, the materials will only be used for non-profit educational purposes, and the copyright remains the same.

<http://www.fcrr.org/curriculum/SCAindex.shtm>

**Grade Saver**

An educational website offering a combination of free study guides, literature essays, college application essays, editing services and free writing resources. Both the founders and many of our staff graduated from Harvard University.

<http://www.Gradesaver.com>

**The HELPS Program**

The Helping Early Literacy with Practice Strategies (HELPS) Programs integrate easy-to-use instructional strategies that are specifically designed to improve students' reading fluency. Teachers are encouraged to implement one 10-12 minute HELPS session 2-3 days per week. Currently, the [HELPS One-on-One Program](http://www.helpsprogram.org/programs_oneonone.html) is available. This program has been shown in numerous research studies to improve students' reading skills, including fluency and comprehension. The [other HELPS Programs](http://www.helpsprogram.org/programs.html) are still in the research and development phases and are not yet available through this website.

[www.helpsprogram.org](http://www.helpsprogram.org)

**Lexile Framework for Reading**

The idea behind The Lexile Framework for Reading is simple: if we know how well a student can read and how hard a specific book is to comprehend, we can predict how well that student will likely understand the book.When used together, Lexile measures help a reader find books and articles at an appropriate level of difficulty (visit [Find a Book](http://www.lexile.com/tools/find-a-book/) ), and determine how well that reader will likely comprehend a text. You also can use Lexile measures to monitor a reader's growth in reading ability over time.

<http://lexile.com/>

**LibriVox.org**

LibriVox volunteers record chapters of books in the public domain and release the audio files back onto the net. Our goal is to make all public domain books available as free audio books.

[www.librivox.org](http://www.librivox.org)

**Literacy Resources for Children on the Autism Spectrum**

The Indiana Resouce Center on Autism has a pdf listing of books, curriculums and programs, websites, software and IPAD applications that can be used to promote literacy among children on the autism spectrum. This extensive listing can help practitioners or family members involved in teaching reading and enhancing comprehension. All products can be found on other websites as well.

[**http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageId=3467\*\*\*\***](http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageId=3467****)

**NYC Department of Education Special Education District 75 Adapted Books and Materials.** These are adapted books and materials created with Boardmaker picture symbols, Writing with Symbols, and PowerPoint software. You must have Boardmaker and/or Writing with Symbols software installed on your computer to view or open those files. <http://schools.nycenet.edu/D75/literacy/adaptedbooks/default.htm>

**Pink Monkey.com**

This website has 452 online study guides, book notes, literature summary, chapter notes, and analysis with downloadable/printable book covering 15 Subjects including SAT Prep/Testing. <http://www.pinkmonkey.com>

**Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities.**

Adapted Literature is available through the Sherlock Center Resource Library. These resources are provided for teachers to help students with severe disabilities participate in the general curriculum. Some titles are available in electronic format and can be downloaded directly from this website. Stories adapted to PowerPoint include sounds/music and allow a student to "click" along using a computer and mouse/switch.

<http://www.ric.edu/sherlockcenter/wwslist.html>

**Sparknotes.com**

The Literature feature on this website includes everything you need to know about the most-studied works of literature. It has context, plot overview, analysis of major characters, themes, chapters, study questions, key facts and quiz. Combined with Microsoft Word auto sum feature, teachers can modify literature to a size appropriate for the student.

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

**Soft Schools.com**

This website provides free math worksheets, free math games and free phonic worksheets and games. Worksheets and games are organized by grades and topics.

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<http://softschools.com>

**Starfall**

A free website to teach children to read with phonics. For preschool, kindergarten, and first grades. Exciting phonics games and online interactive books.  
[www.**starfall**.com/](http://www.starfall.com/)

**TALK: Making Predictions**

Making good predictions is the first step to becoming a successful reader.  In this activity, students will read through an online story.  The first time they read through it, there won't be any words, just pictures.  Have the students think about what they believe will happen in the story based on the title and the pictures that appear.  Have them record their predictions on the provided handout.  Then have the students read through the story again with the words to see if their predictions were close or way off base. <http://teach.fcps.net/talk/lesson_display.asp?lessonID=87>

**Tar Heel Reader**

Tar Heel Reader provides a collection of free, easy-to-read, and accessible books on a wide range of topics. The books may be downloaded as slide shows in PowerPoint, Impress, or Flash format. Each book can be speech enabled and accessed using multiple interfaces, including touch screens, the IntelliKeys with custom overlays, and 1 to 3 switches.

**http://tarheelreader.org/**

**The University of North Carolina at Charlotte- General Curriculum Projects**

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte has undertaken a series of studies aimed at finding ways to teach academic skills to students with significant cognitive disabilities that are linked to grade level content standards. Thirteen books have been adapted using Writing with Symbols program. Please read and purchase each original text (cited by author) prior to using the General Curriculum Projects adapted text. To open and print titles you must use the [Mayer-Johnson](http://mayer-johnson.com/) Product [*Writing with Symbols*](http://mayer-johnson.com/SearchResults.aspx?Q=WWs&CatID=5343)<http://education.uncc.edu/access>

Tumblebooks

Tumblebooks is a website that provides access to books three ways: eBooks, talking books, and audiobooks. Subscription for the some services is required; however, a free trial is available. TumbleBooks Library are created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to existing picture books in order to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you. **Tumble Readables** is an online collection of read-along titles for elementary, middle school, and high school students which features adjustable online text and complete audio narration. Sentences are highlighted as they are being read and the pages turn automatically, The Tumble Talking Book Collection includes over 400 titles. It includes classics, fiction, non-fiction, children's, plus the 65 title Read-Along Collection of American and English Classics which combine large print text with complete unabridged narration.

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

**Math Websites**

**Crickweb**

This website provides on-line activities for students to complete about numeracy properties and ordering.

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy-properties-and-ordering.html>

**DreamBox Learning**

This website offers an on-line learning tool for K-3 mathematics. The DreamBox Learning K-3 Math curriculum is aligned with Common Core State Standards, helping every student learn the foundation that’s needed to achieve proficiency in the critical areas of Counting and Cardinality, Comparing, Operations and Algebraic Thinking, and Number and Operations in Base Ten. And virtual manipulatives deepen understanding of math concepts.

[www.dreambox.com](http://www.dreambox.com)

**Geometry Center**

The Geometry Center is a mathematics research and education center at the [University of Minnesota](http://www.umn.edu/). The Center has a unified mathematics computing environment supporting math and computer science research, mathematical visualization, software development, application development, video animation production, and K-16 math education.

<http://www.geom.uiuc.edu/>

**Kentucky Center for Mathematics**

Has a list of other websites and resources for mathematics instruction; go to Math Tools.

This list is for FREE progress monitoring tools and interventions:

<http://www.kymathematics.org>

**ITC Games**

This website is for the development of numeracy and has structuring activities.

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

**Manitoba**

This website provides early years mathematics activities and games for teachers to use in their classrooms or to send home and are presented in MS-Word and Adobe PDF formats.

<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/math/games/>

**Math-Drills.Com**

Math-Drills.Com includes over 6000 **free math worksheets** with answer keys. Using math worksheets in the classroom or at home has many benefits. **Classroom teachers use the free math worksheets** on this website to assess students' mastery of basic math facts, to give students extra practice, to teach new math strategies, and to save precious planning time.

<http://www.math-drills.com/>

**MathRack**

### This site demonstrates the use of the MathRack and has interactive activities. MathRack is a tool to support and stretch our primary student’s mathematical strategies and in turn their understanding of number sense, addition, subtraction and problem solving.

<http://www.mathrack.com/index.html>

**Map Math**

If a school is using the MAP testing, this is a good site to get activities based on student’s scores.

<http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/ro/pages/studentlinks/map/>

**NCTM Illuminations**

The [National Council of Teachers of Mathematics](http://www.nctm.org) is a public voice of mathematics education, providing vision, leadership, and professional development to support teachers in ensuring mathematics learning of the highest quality for all students. With 100,000 members and 250 affiliates, NCTM is the world’s largest organization dedicated to improving math education in preK‑12. Illuminations is designed to provide Standards-based resources that improve the teaching and learning of mathematics for all students.

<http://illuminations.nctm.org/>

**Primary Resources**

This website provides free lesson plans, activity ideas and resources for elementary school teachers.

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/maths/maths.htm>

**Quantile Teacher Assistant**

This easy tool helps educators locate resources that can help with instruction and identify those skills that are most relevant to the topic of the daily instruction. This tool has been aligned with state mathematics curriculum standards to make it directly applicable to use in the classroom. Click on Teacher Assistant on lower right side.

[www.quantiles.com](http://www.quantiles.com)

**Race Math**

Race Math is a motorsport science and math e-learning website for all ages.

[www.racemath.info](http://www.racemath.info)

**Solon's Math Recovery and Add+Vantage MR Support Site**

To gain support for MR and AVMR this is an excellent resource for activities and video lessons.

<http://www.solonschools.org/MR/>

**Saxon Math Teacher Resources**

Here, you will find many different kinds of **Teacher Resources** – table of contents, lesson plans, sample pages, product demos, online activities, and more.

<http://saxonpublishers.harcourtachieve.com/en-US/saxonmath_resources>

**SEN Teacher**

This site has many printables for literacy and mathematics such as the place value arrow cards.

<http://www.senteacher.org/Print/Maths/>

**Soft Schools.com**

This website provides free math worksheets, free math games and free phonic worksheets and games. Worksheets and games are organized by grades and topics.

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<http://softschools.com>

**That Quiz**

Offers free math testing activities for teachers and students of all grade levels

[www.thatquiz.org](http://www.thatquiz.org)

**The Math Worksheet Site**

With The Math Worksheet Site you can create an endless supply of printable math worksheets. The intuitive interface gives you the ability to easily customize each worksheet to target your student's specific needs. Every worksheet is created when you request it, so they are different every time.

<http://themathworksheetsite.com/>

**Science Websites**

**Elements.wlonk.com**

This website has periodic table of elements in pictorial form. These colorful, fun, and informative periodic tables are great for elementary, middle, and high school students, as well as adults.

<http://elements.wlonk.com/>

**Science on Line**

This website covers science concepts for grades Kindergarten through Grade 8. Covers several topics and has several instructional pieces on Laws of motion.

<http://classroom.jc-schools.net/sci-units/force.htm#Worksheets>

**Science Spot**

This website is a resource for junior high teachers and students. The website is divided into thirteen different sections: The Science Classroom, The Reference Desk, , [The Science Club, Junk Box Wars](http://www.sciencespot.net/Pages/stmap.html#Anchor-49575#Anchor-49575), [Puzzle Corner](http://www.sciencespot.net/Pages/stmap.html#Anchor-47857#Anchor-47857), [The Nature Center](http://www.sciencespot.net/Pages/stmap.html#Anchor3#Anchor3), [Kid Zone](http://www.sciencespot.net/Pages/stmap.html#Anchor10#Anchor10), The Idea Factory, [Daily Science Trivia](http://www.sciencespot.net/Pages/stmap.html#Anchor6#Anchor6)[, The Career Center](http://www.sciencespot.net/Pages/stmap.html#Anchor7#Anchor7), [Power of Technology](http://www.sciencespot.net/Pages/stmap.html#Anchor8#Anchor8)[, Webrings & Awards](http://www.sciencespot.net/Pages/stmap.html#Anchor12#Anchor12), & [Frequently Asked Questions](http://www.sciencespot.net/Pages/stmap.html#anchor-faq#anchor-faq).

<http://sciencespot.net>

**Visual Support Websites**

**Boardmaker Share**

BoardmakerShare is the perfect community for finding thousands of Boardmaker activities on hundreds of topics. Now, the redesigned BoardmakerShare makes it easier than ever to share Boardmaker activities, and find the groups who are using them along with you.

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

**Do2Learn.**..see, do and learn online.  
A web site providing activities to promote independence in children and adults with special learning needs.

<http://www.do2learn.com/>

**Jefferson Parish Public Schools-Augumentative Alternative Communication Ressources.**

This website is developed by the Speech Therapy Department for Jefferson Parish Public Schools. The website has several templates made for various activities related to math, science, social studies, etc. User must have access to boardmaker software to open files.

<http://speech.jppss.k12.la.us/aac-elementary-subjectareas/>

**Preschool Fun**

Preschool fun is a website that provides samples of work systems and activities based upon structured teaching concepts and principles.

<http://www.preschoolfun.com/pages/teacch%20work%20jobs%20other.htm>

**Shoebox**

Shoe box tasks is dedicated to providing creative learning activities for autistic individuals or those with learning disabilities who are beginning the process of “learning how to learn.”

http://www.shoeboxtasks.com/

**Slater Software**

Slater Software makes software for special education. Their flagship product was Picture It which includes 900 black/white picture symbols. They have improved and expanded this product and developed other software.

[http://www.slatersoftware.com](http://www.slatersoftware.com/)

**Speech Fun:** **Visuals for Teaching at School & Home**

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This website has instructions for developing visual aids to assist in instruction for students with communication delays.

http://speechfun.com/visuals.htm