

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES – DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION (from Closing the Gap Conference)

Reading:

1. <http://staff.prairiesouth.ca/%7Ecassidy.kathy/browserbooks/level1.htm> - This website was created to allow **beginning readers** to read books on their web browser. Readers can click on the triangle in the lower right-hand corner of each page to turn the pages. If they are unsure of a word, they can click on it to hear a child's voice read the word to them.
2. <http://tarheelreader.org/> - Tar Heel Reader is an open source library of books that are switch accessible, talking, internet accessible, and downloadable. Free and easy and accessible books.
3. www.auburn.edu/academic/education/reading_genie/bookindex.html - Website includes a variety of decodable books for beginning readers. Books specify which sounds (eg. Short/long vowels; consonants) are included within each story book. Books open in Powerpoint.
4. <http://www.starfall.com> - provides interactive books with sounds

Visuals:

1. www.tinsnips.org – a special education resource that strives to share a variety of specialized teaching tools, techniques, worksheets, and activities with teachers of students who have autistic spectrum disorders and related developmental disabilities. Many of these activities may be appropriate for Pre-K and Kindergarten children.

Math:

1. www.mathfactcafe.com – Math worksheets that can be created individually or downloaded from templates addressing basic math facts and concepts, clocks, and money.

Brainstorming:

1. www.wordle.net - generating “word clouds” from text that you provide. Great for brainstorming, creating themes, family of words, etc.