



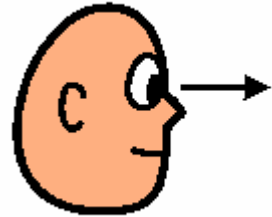
# Literacy for All

## A Look at Talking Books

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# Goals for Today

- Listen



- Look

- Do



# What is a talking book?

- A story in electronic format that includes text, pictures, and auditory output.

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# Why talking books....

- Provide access to literature for students with physical difficulties
- Foster independence and self esteem
- Motivate reluctant readers



## Talking books....

- Build background knowledge.
- Give opportunities for repeated readings.
- Can be customized to student interests and abilities.



## Talking books .....

- Can be integrated into curriculum content.
- Can be teacher or student made.
- Can be fiction or non-fiction.
- Can be designed with help of students.



# Talking books .....

- Can have consistent layout with clear controls.
- Can have content info on an appropriate skill level.
- Can have fun, creative themes that can be printed.
- Can be visual presentations of what students want to say.

# Kinds of talking books

- Books to introduce, reinforce or review materials covered in curriculum
- Books to supplement and enrich curriculum





# Kinds of talking books

- Books that share students individual work, original writing assignments, poems, stories, reports, events
- Books to teach or show a skill

No limits!

# Will talking books Support Standards?

**YES!**

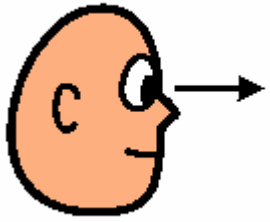
- Reading Content Standard 1.0  
Students examine, construct and extend meaning of a variety of self-selected and assigned text (traditional and electronic) by applying a range of reading strategies and analytic techniques.

# Think about what you need to get started...

- Software - Microsoft Power Pt or other program
- Speakers
- Microphone
- Digital pictures, clip art, scanner
- Sound recording software (Windows comes with sound recording software)

# Copyright

- Chafee Amendment 1996 -
  - Multimedia copies of books are for the personal use of individuals with visual or physical disabilities.
- Not for sale
- For schools and classes with special education needs...open for interpretation
- Public domain pictures - original artwork



# Software to create talking books.....

- Microsoft Power Point [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com)

It's readily available!!!!

Digital images or clipart can support text

Accessible for switch users (control)

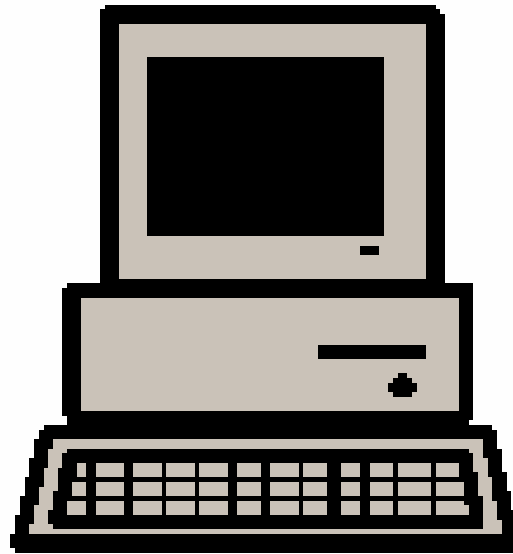
Import sounds - and narration

Easy!

# And more....

- Task Builder - SoftTouch  
[www.softtouch.com](http://www.softtouch.com)
- Boardmaker Plus - Mayer-Johnson  
[www.mayer-johnson.com](http://www.mayer-johnson.com)
- Classroom Suite - Intellitools  
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You can do it!...



Power Point Step by Step

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