



You Can TRANSFORM Your Students' Outlook

In this issue of the LeaderLink we highlight a great story about a student who was becoming increasingly frustrated with his inability to get his ideas down on paper so that others could read them. Luckily, Frank had three dedicated and compassionate teachers who wanted to help...and they DID!

Enjoy!

A Recipe for Success

For children with learning disabilities, a classroom of conventional learning tools can be scary. These kids may start off feeling not as smart as others; and that's typically **not** the case—they just learn differently!

What can you do when your students feel this way? Find out how Speech Pathologists, Sharon Dees and Kathleen Sawyers along with Special Education Teacher, Julie Dobson at Gilbert Public Schools, (Desert Ridge Junior High School) in Arizona helped a boy named Frank improve his writing AND his self-confidence.



Their compelling case study, "**Assistive Technology Tool Changes Student's Outlook on Learning and Life: A Recipe for Success**", demonstrates the learning transformation of a student's thinking and writing skills far beyond the classroom walls.

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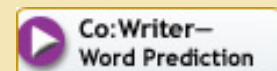
Special Announcement

Read:OutLoud Available Statewide in Virginia



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USING TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM

The Main Ingredient in Your Success Recipe...

Proven Assistive Technology Tools

Co:Writer—for students who struggle with spelling and writing



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Another FREE Co:Writer Topic Dictionary: [2008 Presidential Election](#)

Over 5000 schools and districts have chosen Co:Writer!

NEW - Product Support Topics

From the [Support page](#), click on the product you have a question about and you will find a list of frequently asked questions and the solution to the problem. Look for the heading **Support Topics**. Here are a few examples:

SOLO Literacy Suite - [How do I install and use the Outline Templates and Assignment Templates?](#)

ClassMate Reader - [What do I do when I get the message, "ClassMate Reader requires an Operating System Update"?](#)

Switch Interface Pro 3.0 - [Why is the Switch Interface Pro 3.0 not responding?](#)


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Coming Attractions!

- **TRLD – Register Now** to attend a collaborative and intimate "think-tank" environment to share and learn new teaching and learning strategies! January 22-24, 2009 in San Francisco



- **Reader's Theater Contest** - next month we'll showcase our awesome contest winners here, but you can get a 'sneak-peek' on our [homepage](#) now!

 **Read: OutLoud**—
Text Reader

 **Draft: Builder**—
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