



Region 3 AT Center

A PROJECT OF THE LOUISIANA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE



REGION 3 NEWS

We are proud to say that we have had a very exciting year thus far. We have worked with so many outstanding professionals in our Region, which makes our job fun and exciting. We just wanted to share with you what we have been doing this year. We have provided the following trainings at our center: Accessibility Tips Using MS Word, Visual Support Strategies, Integration of AT in an Elementary Classroom, Making Books Accessible to All, Boardmaker Make N Take, Switches: 1 to 2 Step Scanning, and a Make-N-Take.

We have also been on the road a lot this year visiting schools within Region 3. We have conducted an AT @ A Glance for all schools in Assumption and several schools in Ascension. We also conducted an AT @

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AT @ A Glance
Nicholls Disability Awareness Day

Nicholls' Disability Awareness Day and the LACUE Conference in Baton Rouge. We provided an AT Overview for all 504 Coordinators at the DOE. We assisted the AT Teams in Ascension and St. Mary in conducting AT assessments. We assisted Ascension, Assumption and St. Mary in the development of their district's policies and procedures for AT. We conducted an AT Tools for Students with Disabilities training in Terrebonne and conducted several trainings in Lafourche: Low tech Tools for Reading and Writing, Classroom Suite and an AlphaSmart Overview.

To request an AT @ A Glance, specific trainings or a consultation contact us and we would be more than happy to set that up. We love helping our schools and teachers help their students to succeed in school.

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Make-N-Take
Textured Playground
Lanyards

Make-N-Take
Math Wheels



THE AT MARKETPLACE

Need access to affordable assistive devices and equipment? If so, the Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network (LATAN) has launched an online database called "The AT Marketplace: Louisiana's Assistive Technology Classifieds".

It is a free recycling program connecting individuals

who need affordable assistive technology devices with those who wish to sell or donate used equipment.

To buy, sell or donate on "The AT Marketplace", go online to www.latan.org or call (225) 925-9500 or (800) 270-6185.

2007 LATI SUMMER INSTITUTE CONTESTS

The Louisiana Assistive Technology Initiative (LATI) is announcing two statewide contests; a student writing contest and a photo contest. The contest winners will be honored at the Louisiana Assistive Technology Summer Institute training that will be held in July 2007 (stay tuned for exact date and location).

The Writing Contest

The theme of this year's writing contest is *I can...with technology*. Fill in the blank with the types of tasks that students can do or do better with technology that they may not be able to do without technology. This competition is an opportunity for students to share their own experiences, successes and opinions about using technology. Individual or class entries may be submitted. A contest form outlining the details of the writing contest can be found at the Louisiana Department of Education Assistive Technology web page at <http://www.doe.state.la.us/lde/eia/1538.html>.

The Photo Contest

LATI wants to see students using assistive technology at school, home, or in the community. Entries must be submitted by a teacher or school employee with school contact information listed. A parental consent/release form must be signed and submitted with each entry. Photos will be featured at the LATI Summer Institute 2007. Contest winners will be honored at the luncheon.

Contest duration:
11-1-2006 through 3-15-2007

Submission deadline:
3-15-2007 5:00 p.m. (CST)

Contest forms:
<http://www.doe.state.la.us/lde/eia/1538.html>

Submission must be e-mailed to Donna Broussard at donna.broussard@la.gov



2005 Photo Contest Winner:
Celeste Chiasson, St. Charles Parish
Photo of Sarah



ATIA 2007



The annual Assistive Technology Industry Association ("ATIA") will be held in Orlando, FL from January 24—27, 2007. ATIA serves as a leading forum for the Assistive Technology community to participate in presentations and discussions about new technology, practical applications, and services. Segments of the assistive technology industry (Augmentative and Alternative Communication; Blindness; Computer Access; Curriculum Adaptations; Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Electronic Aids to Daily Living; Games and Recreation; Learning Disabilities/Study Aids/Literacy; Low Vision; and Mechanical Accessories and Mounting Devices) will be represented in various presentations, demonstrations and/or exhibits.

This is a great conference and we would love to see you there. We are proud to announce that we will be presenting at the conference this year. Our session

"Access to Literacy" will be on January 27 from 10:30am to 12:30pm. In this hands-on session participants will make and use materials/software to enhance literacy skills of elementary school children with verbal, motoric and/or cognitive difficulties. They will learn how to incorporate technology into the classroom by adapting a book, making communication boards and overlays, making baggie books, creating e-books and writing activities. Participants will go home with a book and a CD of materials to make all the activities. Hope to see you at our session!!!!



For more information go to:
www.atia.org

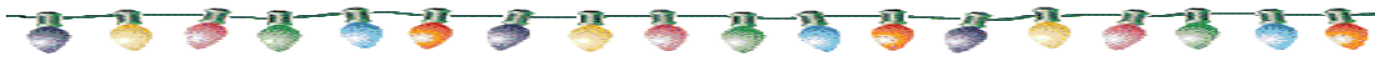


SENSE FACTORY

Sense Factory is a free software application that allows switch-based activities to be developed and presented to a switch user. You may install this software on as many computers as you like. You may make copies of the program and pass it to others. The only restriction is that you may not make financial gain from the distribution of the software and you must pass a copy (either electronic or paper) of the first page of the manual. Great to make social stories and sequencing activities. You can even download tons of activities already created.



For more information and to download Sense Factory go to:
www.deafblindonline.co.uk

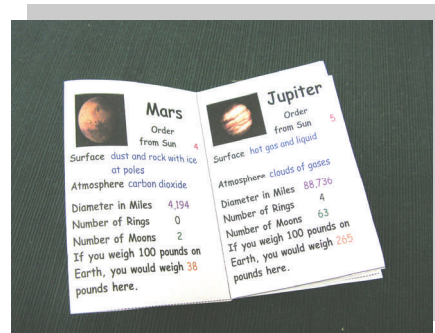


POCKETMOD

The PocketMod is a FREE new way to keep yourself organized. It is a small book with guides on each page. These guides or templates, combined with a unique folding style, enable a normal piece of paper to become the ultimate note card. It is hard to describe just how incredibly useful the PocketMod is. It's best that you just dive in and create one. You can download this program from www.pocketmod.com. You can also download an application called PDF to PocketMod which will allow you to change any 8 page PDF document into a PocketMod.

Ideas for your pocketMods:

- ♦ Social stories
- ♦ Vocabulary words for a unit
- ♦ Picture/word dictionaries
- ♦ Study guides
- ♦ Frequently misspelled words
- ♦ Math facts/formulas
- ♦ Science units/formulas
- ♦ Sequencing of an activity
- ♦ Translation aid for foreign language
- ♦ Class schedule
- ♦ A rubric for note-taking or writing
- ♦ And much, much more.....



Planet Study Guide

From: www.onionmountaintech.com



News-2-You PocketMod



AT Tips In Word



Creating Fill In The Blank Questions

- ♦ Type the following text into your new document: "1. is the capital of Louisiana."
- ♦ Place your cursor before the word "is" in the sentence.
- ♦ Click the Text Form Field button on the Forms toolbar. A gray rectangle will appear.
- ♦ Double-click the gray rectangle to open the Text Form Field Options window.
- ♦ In the Text Form Field Options window, click the drop-down menu beneath.
- ♦ Select "regular text."
- ♦ In the Text Form Field Options window, beneath Default text, you can type a prompt for the test taker (for example, "Type your answer here"), or you can leave the area blank.
- ♦ Click OK to close the window.

- ♦ Hit the space bar to add a space or spaces between the gray rectangle and the rest of the sentence.
- ♦ Place your cursor at the end of the sentence and hit Enter.

Locking the Form

- ♦ To make sure your questions cannot be changed or erased, click the lock button on the Forms toolbar.
- ♦ If you want other teachers -- but not students -- to be able to make changes to your questions, you can give your form a password.
- ♦ Click Tools in the menu bar at the top of the Word window.
- ♦ Click Protect Document.
- ♦ Click Forms.
- ♦ Type a password. Make sure you write down the password because there will be no one to call if you forgot it.
- ♦ Click OK.

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UPCOMING TRAININGS

January 5, 2007	Visual Support Make N Take, Terrebonne
January 12, 2007	Low Tech Tools for Inclusive Education, Ascension
January 16, 2007	Symbol Processors, Region 3 AT Center
January 18, 2007	Computer Access, Region 3 AT Center
January 24-27, 2007	ATIA, Orlando, FL
February 13, 2007	Cause & Effect for Literacy, Region 3 AT Center
February 15, 2007	Software Solutions, Region 3 AT Center
April 3, 2007	Talking Word Processors, Region 3 AT Center
April 24, 2007	Inspiration/Kidspiration, Region 3 AT Center
May 2-4, 2007	Solutions for AT Conference, Baton Rouge
May 8, 2007	Low Tech Tools for Inclusive Education, Region 3 AT Center
May 10, 2007	Tools for Written Communication, Region 3 AT Center
July 2007	LATI Summer Institute (tentatively scheduled during the week of July 16- 20, 2007)



To register for upcoming trainings , to request a specific training
or to schedule an AT @ a Glance please:

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