

## Paperfree Writing

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As the world becomes increasingly more technological, computers and other high-tech equipment are becoming significant components in educational institutions. The use of this equipment can help create a virtually paperfree classroom. Here are a few ideas.

- Your PERSONAL OR SCHOOL Website: Highlight student samples, share ideas, communicate with the home, promote technology use. Show Off!
- Windows Photostory3 & Movie Maker: Free programs for Windows XP operating system to make storytelling cool again! Reinforces planning, transition, editing, and style. Students write and narrate, reinforcing vocabulary, word choice, spelling, fluency, and inflection. (PhotoStory lets you make your own music!)
- Powerpoint: Illustrate and write your own books, use a digital camera to record the images and insert them into PowerPoint. (Begin with a Flip Chart to organize thoughts and save production time.)
- Word Processing: Incorporated into the above (copy & paste) or use to help with the writing process. Did you know you can make a website using MS Word? So can students!
- Audacity: A free downloadable program to create podcasts and soundfiles (MP3 and .wav). Students can read and record their work for the web and listen to these audio files on their iPods! <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>
- Gaggle: Brevard's safe email system for students. ePals, business writing, email interface, group projects, communication worldwide or across the hall. <http://www.gaggle.net>



Other online resources to help you teach writing skills

- PowerMediaPlus: Online on-demand video, audio, and image files to introduce ideas, instruct, and engage students. <http://www.powermediaplus.com/>
- Lit2Go: Online sound files of great works of literature, free for the listening. Students can listen and discuss what makes a work exemplary. Accessible from home as well. <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>