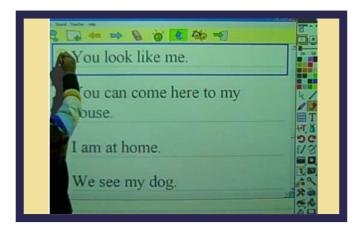A student at Galway uses the text-to-speech feature of Kidspiration to practice reading fluency.

Students at Redland MS use netbooks to explore an online simulation website to build background knowledge prior to starting a new reading unit.

NEW on the HIAT website:
Using Audio in Clicker 5 (80K pdf)
Using Video in Clicker 5 (110K pdf)

Upcoming HIAT Workshops:
1/21 – Read:OutLoud
1/26 – CPD SA-93 Differentiated Writing Tools
2/4 – Kurzweil study tools
http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/hiat/training/HIAT_schedule.shtm

HIAT Spring Training Schedule is now on the PDO!

The spring semester training schedule is posted on the HIAT website and the PDO. Use the **training schedule** to plan your spring calendar and use the **PDO** to sign up for classes.

CPD SA-93 "Differentiated Writing Tools"

Explore technology tools that support prewriting skills including Inspiration, Word, text-to-speech, and word-prediction. This course meets for 5 3-hour sessions and provides 1 CPD credit (pending approval). Class starts January 26. See the **PDO** to sign up.

Bookshare.org provides the full text of books to eligible students

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Have you visited the HIAT help blog?

All kinds of tech-tips are **there**. You might find, for example, a description of **how to use voice notes in Word** to support students who have trouble with writing and organization.