

TECH NEWS

Collierville Schools Technology Department

Tech Tips

- *Combine PDFs* into one using Preview. Click [here](#) to learn how.
- *Shut down* your computer regularly to give it the "beauty rest" it needs.
- *Text to Speech*- Highlight any text on your screen, and then right click (control + click) on the selected text. In the menu that appears, select Speech > Start Speaking.

Stellar Sites

- [MyBrainPop](#)- Create a BrainPop site for your students to record movies watched, quizzes taken, and more.
- [Assessment Help from Internet4Classrooms](#)- resources for ES through HS assessments.
- April is National Poetry month: [ReadWorks](#), [Scholastic](#), and [EducationWorld](#) have a wealth of lessons and resources.



Instructional Resources

- **[Alternatives to YouTube](#)**- Since Collierville Schools does not provide access to YouTube in the classroom, this link provides a compiled a list of other places to find educational videos that do not rely on YouTube.
- **iMovie Trailers**- Students can create these neat little films to demonstrate their learning, promote a school event, and more. They can be made on a Mac or iPad. Click [here](#) for ideas on how to implement these and [here](#) for planning documents. Ask your CTT about using these as part of your instructional plans.
- **Grading with a camera**- Make grading easier and getting results faster- use a camera to grade your student's work! [GradeCam](#), [GradeNinja](#), and [ZipGrade](#) are all great tools to get this done.

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