Accessible Reading Materials

How to provide digital accessibility and "read aloud" to all students

Background:

- When text is provided on the computer screen, students can use the computer to hear it read aloud. This makes text more accessible for all students.
- Techsupport has pushed out Read & Write for Google, Texthelp PDF Reader, and Screenshot Reader to all elementary students. These are the tools that you and your students will use to hear text on the computer/chromebook screen read aloud.
- These features all work on chromebooks or the Chrome browser of a macbook (or PC).

Training Resources:

Read & Write Feature	Description	Training Resources
Google Docs Toolbar	This tool reads text in a Google Docs.	Video Handout - Page 1 Handout 2
PDF Reader - OrbitNote	This tool reads text in a digital PDF. This is common in our digital curriculum materials.	Video Handout - Page 3 Handout 2
ScreenShot Reader	This tool reads text in scanned PDFs and pictures. This is uncommon in our digital curriculum materials.	Video Text instructions

Additional resources:
- How to tell the difference between the two types of PDFs described above
- Read & Write will also read websites aloud using the same toolbar that is shown in the Google Docs video
- Sample doc for sharing select resources with students