

SMARTBOARDS AND IPAD BASICS

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A smartboard is basically an interactive whiteboard. You use it like a giant touch screen for your computer. It comes with special 'pens' and a special 'eraser'. You can access anything your computer can access. You can use your finger to navigate the touch screen, then play videos, show pictures, and manipulate pictures and graphics. You can also use screen capture to save what you have written on the board and the pictures/graphics you have used.

- a. If you are new to Smartboard, consider taking an introduction to smartboard PD. Hands on and very helpful to get you started.
 - b. If you have a student in your class who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing, keep in mind the smartboard is lit up and the room generally darkened. This is very difficult for a student watching an interpreter and also hard for students who are getting extra information from your face and lips while you speak.
 - c. If you are using an FM system, please access support while patching the FM to the speakers. Sometimes you may need a splitter and depending on the FM, sometimes it does not patch in clearly.
2. An iPad is a brand of tablet. There are others but this seems to be the most popular and the one I personally am familiar with. Other tablets are probably just as good.
 3. iPad Basics:
After you purchase an iPad, touch the APP store icon and then search for ibooks. Download this APP first (it is free). Then once it has downloaded, go into it (touch it) and go to the 'store'. Search for "iPad User Guide". It is free. This is a full manual on everything you need to know about iPads and accessing APPS.
 4. An iPad can be used like a computer – access the internet, get your email, etc. It also has a camera so you can take pictures or videos. Then the next feature of the iPad is the APPS. There are literally hundreds (maybe thousands) of APPS now that you can purchase. You need an itunes account and money. (Easiest is to purchase itunes gift cards).

5. The APPs we discussed today were:

- a. Getting Information: Internet (Google, Shahi, Sparknotes)
Illustrated Idioms
Wordbook XL
Brainpop
ASL dictionary
Youtube
- b. Storing Information: Pages
Notes
Flashcard Maker
Pictello
Camera
iBooks
Dropbox
- c. Practicing Skills: Mobile Education Store – Rainbow Sentences
Super Duper
I Can Do
Linguisystems
Rule the School
Time Timer
Decide Now
- d. Playing: Videos – Netflix
Interactive Storybooks – The Monster at the End,
Baobob
Games – Angry Birds
Music – Songza
Art – Glow Coloring, Icebox Doodle
TV shows – Global, Treehouse
Facetime

6. When using an FM system with the iPad – your volume control must be all the way up and then you can plug the receiver patch cord into the headphone jack. You can also use a splitter so that you can hear what the student is hearing through your headphones.