

# MONTHLY INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY WEBSITES

## January Focus: Integrating Language Arts



**Avi, Author on the Web** – Official website, Newberry Award-winning children's book author. <http://www.avi-writer.com/>

**CBC Magazine, Children's Book Council: Meet the Author** – Author/illustrator features, thematic essays and bibliographies; industry news.  
<http://www.cbcbooks.org/cbcmagazine/meet/archives.html>

**Children's and Young Adults' Authors and Illustrators** – Many, many WWW links.  
<http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/biochildhome.htm?CFID=11887618&CFTOKEN=74924821>

**Scholastic.com** – Click on the “Student Activities” link, then the “Language Arts” link. Includes many grade-level topics, activities, games, lesson plans, unit plans, links.  
<http://www2.scholastic.com/>

**Read, Write, Think** – Click on the “Student Materials” link to find many interactive online tools that can be used to supplement a variety of lessons and provide an opportunity for students to use technology while developing their literacy skills.  
<http://www.readwritethink.org/>

**Quia Shared Activities:** – A clearing house of Language Art activities, quizzes, games... <http://www.quia.com/shared/eng/>

**Mr. Donn's Social Studies** – Reading, writing, grammar concepts, activities, skill-builders, lesson plans, worksheets... <http://www.mrdonn.org/languagearts.html>

## Teacher Tech Tip

### Need a thesaurus?

**MS Word:** Two ways: *First*, place the cursor on the word you wish to edit. Then...

① Click the right mouse button > Click on Synonyms > Thesaurus. ....or.....

② At top of window/screen, on the toolbar, click on Tools > Language > Thesaurus.

**OpenOffice:** Place the cursor on the word you wish to edit. At top of screen, on the toolbar, click Tools > Language > Thesaurus.

**Need Help ?:** Press the F1 key located on the top row on your keyboard to open a Help Menu.

**Find Feature:** Want to find specific text in a document or on a web page? On the keyboard, press the following...

**Windows:** Press Control key + 'F' key. Then, type the word you wish to find > Enter.

**Mac OS X:** Press Command key (the open apple) + 'F' key. Then, type the word you wish to find > Return key.