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Assessment and technology go hand-in-hand with these new products

These two products will truly integrate technology into your reading and math programs.



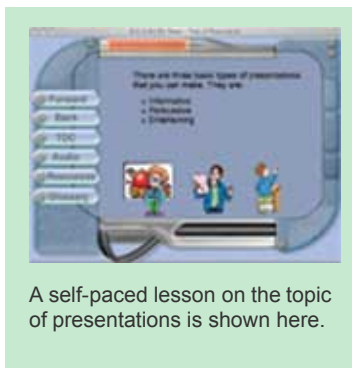
K to the 8th Power

Your students will love learning technology literacy with comprehensive online curriculum from K to the 8th Power, Inc. This web-based courseware includes over 500 interactive, self-paced lessons that integrate technology skills with Language Arts and Math lessons – and each lesson is correlated to specific state standards.

In Teacher mode, it's possible to set up classes, add assignments and search the lesson database for Beginner and Advanced lessons for grades K-8 that match your state standards. This mode also shows all the resources and technology applications supported by each lesson with complete, printable lesson plans. There is even a lesson rubric and an activity sample to show what the finished product should look like. There's also a Gradebook for tracking progress.

In Student mode, students choose an assignment and work through the lesson with lots of audio support. There is an advanced and beginner language version and it can be differentiated for ELL/ESL (Sheltered English, not Spanish). The table of contents lets students go back to review a skill. Every lesson ends with an automated quiz and the interface changes to match the grade level.

The Buzz. Click the Resources button to go to "The Buzz," the student activity zone. Here kids can select Simulations to learn different technology functions, play Games that support all the content skills and search an extensive Photo database.



A self-paced lesson on the topic of presentations is shown here.

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