



Dear Parents and Students,

We want to share some great news with you about our **Premier AT Home** website where you can download reading, writing and study tools that can be used on your home computers. This program is sponsored by the St Clair Catholic District School Board in conjunction with Premier Literacy. If you haven't already used the site, you'll want to take advantage of the free literacy tool downloads from www.premierathome.com.

As of October 1, 2008, you'll see a whole new look and feel to this site. If you don't have the login information, please contact the Resource Teacher at your child's school so you can start using these helpful tools.

Some of the changes you'll see on the site starting October 1st are:

- A new interface and graphics to make the site more user-friendly.
- A Getting Started page that will help you determine which tools might be best for you.
- A detailed description of each tool is right on the site so you don't have to look anywhere else.
- Additional support options like online video tutorials, online product manuals and email and phone contact information for Technical Support and Customer Service.

Attached is a QuickStart Guide available for you from Premier that shows you the new login, the new interface features and functions, a list of all the available tools and steps on how to download the software for your computer. Don't forget that these tools will work on Windows XP and Vista operating systems. (Older Windows operating systems are not supported.)

We're excited about these changes and hope that you'll make use of the great tools that can benefit you at school and at home.

Sincerely,

Lisa Demers
Principal of Special Education



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PREMIER IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE VERSION 15

The Premier story is a story of possibility...of potential...and of promise.

The sun is shining for longer and the days are getting warmer and what better way to celebrate than a gathering of professionals dedicated to supporting special education.

Being literate today does not mean the same thing it meant yesterday. Technology is reshaping the way we work, live, and interact with each other. Our students are living and learning in a very different kind of world and, as a result, are using many forms of media to create meaning in their lives. The average student spends almost 11 hours using multiple forms of media yet less than 1 hour of that time is spent using traditional print-based media.

At Premier, we see literacy as a repertoire of capabilities that students must have in order to use and access multiple forms of media. We believe that the same technology that engages students for almost 11 hours per day can be harnessed to bridge their literacy education.

Premier technologies support and empower giving students the chance to excel. We make learning tools that make writing smoother, reading better, and studying easier. Premier students use technology as easily and as simply as most students use a pencil. Our learning tools are designed to work in concert, with each tool supporting and enhancing a different aspect of learning. Students are assisted with reading, writing, and studying. Premier learning tools support learning easily and naturally.



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VERSION 15 HIGHLIGHTS

TASK ORIENTED TOOLBARS

Task Oriented Toolbars now in all programs (added to E-Text Reader, Text To Audio, Scan and Read Pro, English Talking Dictionary, French Talking Dictionary)

GENERAL CUSTOMER-REQUESTED ENHANCEMENTS

For example, "Fit To Width" is now the default view in Worksheet Wizard, updated some of the Word Prediction functionality when user spaces and backspaces, etc.).

IMPROVED DEFAULT TYPE SELECTION

Improved default file type selection in "Open" dialogue boxes. Now looks for "All Documents" and finds all compatible files

UPDATED WORKSHEET WIZRD INTERFACE

Write/Text Box and Draw/Spray Paint options now more clearly indicated - Added ability to Right-click to add a Text Box or Edit Text.

WORD PREDCTION OPTIMIZED

For example - Added prediction support for space then backspace to continue predicting in Write Now and Talking Word Processor)

ADDITIONAL PRINTING CAPABILITY

Incorporated additional printing capabilities

WINDOWS 8 COMPATIBILITY

Premier 15 supports Windows 8

GENERAL PERFORMANCE TWEAKS AND ENHANCEMENTS

Optimizations to Translation, Summarization and Spell Check



QUICKSTART GUIDE

Premier Literacy has a comprehensive suite of digital reading and writing tools that your local school district has provided to you while you're in school. ***Your local school district has now made these programs available for you to use AT HOME.***

With Premier, you can use your computer to read your favorite web page, email, homework, or book. There is also a program on this site that will let you convert your documents into audio files so you can listen to them on your MP3 player or iPod! These tools are great for proofreading and editing homework and have features that help you study more efficiently and effectively.

This QuickStart Guide will help you to get up and running quickly on the AT Home site. You'll find the following information:

- SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS
- LOGIN INSTRUCTIONS
- SCREEN INTERFACE FEATURES
- DOWNLOAD AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS
- DIGITAL LITERACY TOOL DESCRIPTIONS

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Before you download and use Premier Literacy tools, you will want to make sure your home computer meets the following minimum system requirements. If your system meets these requirements and you have any issues once you download and install the software, contact Premier Literacy Technical Support at 815-927-7390, Option 2.

- Microsoft Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7 OR Mac OS X 10.7-8 if using Mac LPP
- 1 GB of RAM recommended
- 200 MB of free disk space
- Mouse, Keyboard, Speakers
- SVGA Monitor with a minimum 800x600 DPI resolution

A scanner is only a requirement if you wish to convert hardcopy documents (i.e. books, magazines, letters) into digital text. Premier Literacy scanning features work with virtually all Automatic Document Feed (ADF) and All-In-One scanners.

Mac downloads are also available on the AT Home site. As part of our commitment to a universal design for learning, we have made our Literacy Productivity Mac Pack available to our AT Home participant. In addition, to our powerful Mac Pack, we also offer four individual Mac tools – E-Text Reader, Universal Reader, English Talking Dictionary and the French Talking Dictionary.

LOGIN INSTRUCTIONS

Go to www.premierathome.com and download and install as many products as you need. The only limitation is that these programs can only be installed on computers owned by the student or parents of the student.

1. Go to www.premierathome.com. Once you get to the site, you will see a Log In screen.

The screenshot shows the Premier Literacy AT Home website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'ABOUT US | LOGIN' on the right. The main header features the Premier Literacy logo and the text 'Premier AT Home' next to a photo of a man and a child looking at a laptop. Below the header is a green bar with 'Start Downloading'. The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a 'Log In' section with a red box around it and a red arrow pointing to it. The 'Log In' section contains a 'Username' field, a 'Password' field, and a 'Log In' button. To the right of the 'Log In' section is a 'Premier AT Home' section with the heading 'How does it work?' and a paragraph of text. Below the 'Log In' section is a 'Learn More About Us' section with a question mark icon and contact information for the US and Canada. At the bottom, there is a paragraph about the program and a photo of a family reading together.

2. Type in the following Username and Password and then click on the **Log In** button.

Username: (please contact the Resource Teacher at your child's school)

Password: *****

3. Note that the Username and Password are case sensitive, so you must correctly enter all numbers and upper-case and lower-case letters exactly as they have been provided to you by your school. When your login is successful, you will be at the Home page.

4. From this screen you may select information on **Getting Started** or select one of the tabs for **Products, Start Downloading, Support** or **Contact** Premier Assistive Canada. You may also see your **school logo** and a **message from your school** on this page.

ABOUT US | LOG OUT

Premier Literacy **Premier AT Home**

Home **Products** **Start Downloading** **Support** **Contact**

System Req's

To use Premier Literacy's products, be sure your computer has:

Windows XP or Vista
512 MB RAM

Mac downloads are not available on the AT Home site. For more information on receiving the Mac version for home use, please contact your school's AT Home Program Administrator.

U.S.:
 815-927-7390

Canada:
 902-482-4680

Welcome to Premier Literacy's Home Use Site

Featuring Premier Literacy's Tools

Welcome to all Team Premier school users. Help support the Run for Literacy! We'll be attempting to set another world record at our next event.

If you know which product you want to download we have all available products listed on our [Products Page](#). If you're not sure which product would be best for you please read our [Getting Started](#) page which will help you decide. Whenever you are done and wish to [Log Out](#), you can click the link on the top right, while anywhere on the site.

The use of Premier Literacy tools is sponsored by [Premier Literacy](#) and is available to you through to *September 01, 2030*. If you would like to continue to have these tools available to you after that date, please be sure to let your school district know how these tools are helping you.

Team Premier
Going the Distance

Helpful Links

GETTING STARTED

Learn how to get started using Premier AT Home

CONTACT INFO

Contact Premier Literacy for any and all needs.

"Having a parent or other caring person read aloud with their children helps children learn listening skills, vocabulary and language skills, as well as develop imagination and creativity."
 (Family Literacy Foundation; 2001)

With access to literacy tools In-School and on the AT Home site, students, parents and teachers are all on the same team. Making reading a "family affair" helps children develop listening skills, increase their vocabulary and spark creativity and imagination. Help make these literacy tools become "lifestyle tools" and create a lifetime of success.

Premier Literacy -- a division of Premier Assistive, is a leader in the field of literacy technology, offering complete and affordable reading and writing solutions. With programs that recognize, validate and

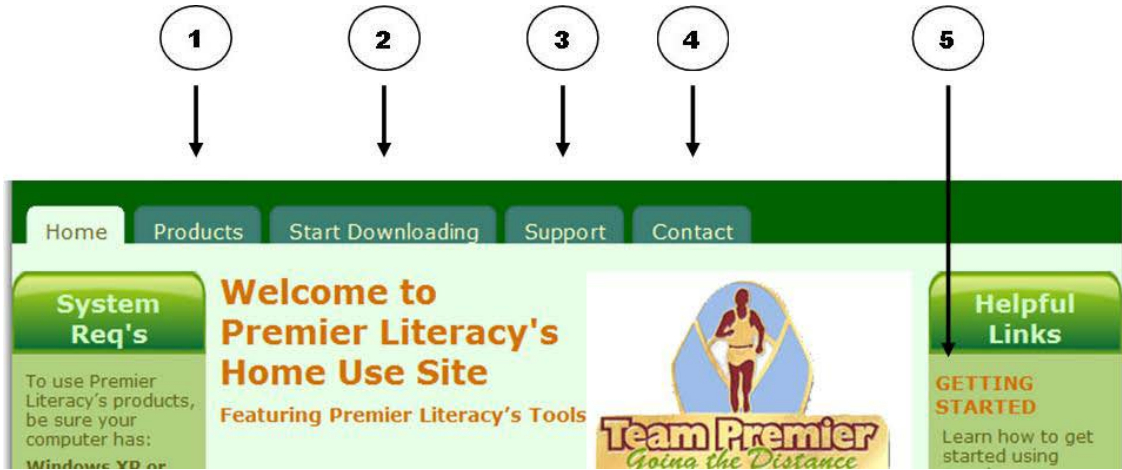
Getting Started

School Message

School Name

School Logo

SCREEN INTERFACE FEATURES



- 1 **Products** – Click on the Products tab to access the E-Library. If you need more detailed tool information, visit our main site for up-to-date info and news.



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Start Downloading – When you have decided which tool you want to use, click on the tool name or icon. This is a link for the tool you want to download. (See the Download and Installation Instructions section for more information.)



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Support – If you have a question or need help at any time, click on the Support tab. You'll find links to view video tutorials and access product manuals and FAQs if you want to learn more about how a tool works. There are also phone numbers and email addresses so you can contact the Premier Assistive Canada Customer Service or Technical Support departments for additional assistance.



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Contact – Premier Assistive Canada contact information is found on this tab. We provide you with links on this page to email us a comment, a question, or submit a technical support inquiry. Please contact us if we can assist you in any way.

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and 10 am to 2 pm EST (Saturday)
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8 am to 6 pm EST (Mon. - Fri.)
Phone: 815-927-7390 Option 2

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Getting Started – Click on the Getting Started link if you need help figuring out what tool you need to use for a specific task. You will find Premier contact information if you questions. You will see a list of tasks that you might want to perform along with the most appropriate tool to use. Click on the tool listed to read the product description.

The screenshot shows the Premier Literacy AT Home website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Products, Start Downloading, Support, and Contact. The main content area is titled "Getting Started" and includes a list of steps for getting started with the software. Below this is a "Need help?" section with a table that maps user questions to support resources. At the bottom, there is a "Help Me Choose a Tool" section with a table that maps specific tasks to recommended software tools. A "Support" sidebar on the right contains links to Support Home, Getting Started, Support FAQs, Support Documents, and Video Tutorials.

Getting Started
 It's easy to get started using Premier Literacy's software. All you need to do is:

- Decide which tool you want to use. Check out the [Products](#) page for information about each product to help you decide.
- Download** and install the product on your computer.
- Launch the product by clicking on your Window's Start button and selecting Premier AT from the Programs menu. From the Premier AT list, select the tool you want to use.

Need help?

Do you have questions on the following?	Check here:
Determining which tool would be best for what you want to do	Help Me Choose a Tool Customer Service U.S. Phone : 815-927-7390 U.S. Email: info@readingmadeeasy.com Canada: 902-482-4680 Canada Email: info@readingmadeeasy.ca
Downloading and installing the product	Technical Support U.S. and Canada: 815-927-7390 - Option 2 Email: support@readingmadeeasy.com
Using the tools	Check out the Video Tutorials and the Product Manuals located on this AT Home site and built into the Help menu of each product.

Help Me Choose a Tool

What do you want to do?	Audience	Possible Tools to Use
Read and/or translate emails, web pages, HELP files and documents	General readers, ESL users	Universal Reader Plus
Find the meaning or spelling of a word; find synonyms	General readers, ESL users, low vision and blind users	Ultimate Talking Dictionary
Read and/or translate an electronic book or document in Microsoft Word document (.doc), Rich Text Format (.rtf), HTML or Text (.txt) format.	General readers, ESL users	E-Text Reader
Convert PDF files into accessible format	General readers, ESL users, low vision and blind users	PDF Magic Pro

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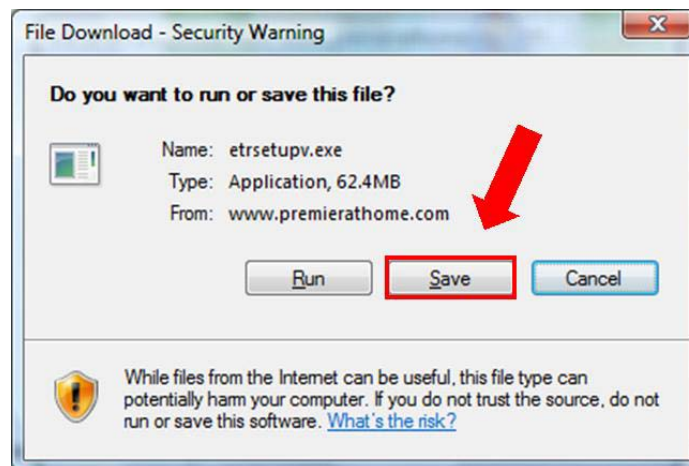
What tool should I use? →

DOWNLOAD AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Select the tool you want to download and install by clicking on its name or icon.



2. A window similar to the following will be displayed. Make sure you select the **Save** button. This will prompt you where you want to save the setup file on your personal computer. Make sure you make a note of the name and location where you save the file.



3. Once the file has been downloaded, go to the location where you saved the file. Double-click on the filename to launch the installation program. Follow the prompts during the installation to successfully install the tool.

DIGITAL LEARNING TOOL DESCRIPTIONS

Universal Reader Plus© Universal Reader Plus is the ultimate “read-anything-anytime” program. A world-class, all-purpose utility that allows the user to highlight text and have it read aloud within almost any application. The built-in, revolutionary “Talking Pointer” allows the user to place the cursor over the desired text to have it read aloud. The powerful Language Model Information Summarization (LMIS) feature allows the user to quickly and efficiently summarize information making it a valuable study tool.

English Talking Dictionary© The English Talking Dictionary is a comprehensive and unabridged dictionary AND thesaurus that contains more than 250,000 words and definitions that can be read to you. It includes references to historical people, places, technical jargon and slang and will work with any computer application. With our new INTERLINK technology, relational word linking allows the user to search by idea or concept.

French Talking Dictionary© The French Talking Dictionary is a comprehensive and unabridged dictionary that contains more than 189,000 words and definitions that can be read to you in French. The FTD displays derivatives of the selected word; it allows the user to look up words without knowing the exact spelling; and, it can be used without leaving the current application.

Write Now© Write Now is a writing tool designed to help writers of all skill levels. It helps users compose small amounts of content prior to posting them to an application. It is compatible with any online or proprietary applications including cloud applications like Google Docs™, email, and Facebook. The “writing analyzer” processes the writing and provides specific information regarding word and sentence use, grade level and readability levels.

Worksheet Wizard© The Worksheet Wizard is a learning tool optimized to work with worksheets and forms. It is ideal for filling out forms and adding annotations to existing PDF files or worksheets. The Worksheet Wizard solves the problem of how to work with documents that seem to be designed for handwritten completion.

Talking Word Processor© Talking Word Processor is an easy-to-use and fully functional word processor program with Text-to-Speech capability. Compatible with most word processor files, it boasts many features including Grammar Check, Information Summarization, word & sentence repeat, word prediction, highlight & extract tool, and an integrated 250,000 word dictionary.

E-Text Reader© E-Text Reader is a must-have tool for reading electronic documents. With full editing capabilities and the ability to read multiple file formats, the E-Text Reader is a robust reading tool. Including such features as Information Summarization and text highlight and extract, it is a powerful tool in any Assistive Technology toolbox.

PDF Equalizer © PDF Equalizer is an exceptionally powerful program that allows the user enhanced control over PDF files without the complication of conversion. A substantial software solution, it easily reads PDF files aloud, converts to MP3 files, allows for the addition of synchronized NOTES, and offers information summary of content. Adding to its powerhouse features, PDF Equalizer supports English, French and Spanish, allowing the user to see dynamic screen changes once a language selection has been made.

Scan and Read Pro© Scan and Read Pro is an affordable software solution for making reading easy.

Changing printed text to understandable sound, it aids reading comprehension by highlighting each word as it is read aloud.

[Text-To-Audio©](#) A high-end application that takes existing digitized text files and converts them to multiple standard digital audio formats such as WAVE or MP3. Text-to-Audio can be used to create electronic audio books quickly and easily.

[PDF Builder©](#) Premier PDF Builder is a tool that helps educators quickly create and manipulate electronic content for the classroom. PDF files are a great format for alternative materials, but making them and manipulating them has always been difficult – until now.

[Talking Calculator©](#) Talking Calculator is a fully functional talking calculator that works with or without a screen reader. Easy to use with large keys and contrasting colors, it displays your entries and your results as you work.

[Talking Checkbook©](#) A fully functional financial account management application that is fully accessible. It is designed for individuals who find it difficult to see / write in small areas as well as those who find simple financial math difficult. Straightforward interface for easy account management. Has complete check writing features. Talking Checkbook downloads are not available on the AT Home site. For more information on receiving Talking Checkbook for home use, please contact your school's AT Home Program Administrator.

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