OT use of Technology

- We use the computer programs, Kidspiration and Inspiration to help students learn how to formulate thoughts for writing. Both programs allow the student to use pictures with the words to help visualize concepts and then you connect the thoughts/concepts to make a writing web. This has been particularly helpful teaching some of our students with Autism extend beyond their fixations and write about other concepts. After forming the writing web, the programs provide an outline for the student to write sentences and create their paragraphs.

- We use PowerPoint to help students create written projects to summarize themes and present to classmates

- We use the camera both still and video camera, and flip videos to help document student progress as well as sequence daily living skill activities, such as learning to tie shoes.

- We use the I-pad for finger isolation, matching, color recognition, simple mazes, some documentation, review of letter formation, visual perception with finding same and different or look and finds, visual timer,

- We utilize a classrooms document camera and Smart Board for some writing instruction and practice

- We use a free internet typing website (www.freetypinggame.net) to teach typing skills. The website has lessons, timed tests for documentation of words per minute, and games to increase their skills