

## Assistive Technology in the Early Childhood Classroom

**Touch Monitor** - allows the student to access software directly with their finger. Consider an integrated touch monitor, rather than an add-on. They are more stable and durable, but of course, cost a little more. Both are available from KeyTech ([www.keytech.com](http://www.keytech.com)) or from a local dealer, Lab Resources ([www.labresources-assistivetechology.com](http://www.labresources-assistivetechology.com))

Integrated (~\$500-550)                      Add-on (~\$175- 240)



### Mouse Alternatives



#### **One Button Mouse** (\$27)

The one button mouse is designed for small hands and is a nice alternative for kids who are distracted by, or accidentally activate the right click button on a traditional mouse. ([www.keytech.com](http://www.keytech.com))

#### **BigTrack Trackball** (\$73)

The BigTrack has a 3" trackball, which makes it the largest trackball available. The bright large trackball helps to make mouse movements easy and accurate, while the oversized buttons make mouse clicks simple for children and those with poor motor control.



### Keyboard Alternatives



#### **Big Keys** (\$159)

1 inch brightly colored keys on standard size keyboard. Available in QWERTY or ABC Layout ([www.bigkeys.com](http://www.bigkeys.com))

#### **IntelliKeys** (\$395)

IntelliKeys is a programmable alternative keyboard that's flexible enough to meet a wide variety of access and learning needs. The IntelliKeys look and functionality is changeable by sliding in different overlays. The IntelliKeys keyboard comes with six standard overlays plus a setup overlay, that are ready to use with any

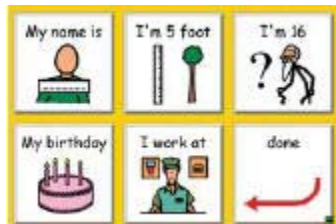


word processing program or software that has keyboard input. You can also use IntelliKeys with a growing number of commercial software programs made by IntelliTools and other publishers. Each of these programs comes with their own custom printed overlays that work automatically when you load the software. ([www.intellitools.com](http://www.intellitools.com)) or ([www.labresources-assistivetechology.com](http://www.labresources-assistivetechology.com))

## Software to consider

### Overlay Maker 3 (\$139.95)

Create your own overlays and activities for IntelliKeys with pictures, letters, and words. Includes templates for off computer activities such as calendars, game boards and more!  
([www.intellitools.com](http://www.intellitools.com))



### Boardmaker 6 (\$299.95)

Graphics database that contains over 3,000 Picture Communication Symbols. Make communication boards, schedules, and picture instruction sheets on the computer. Quickly find and paste symbols into your display, and make them any size or shape. ([www.mayer-johnson.com](http://www.mayer-johnson.com))

## Solutions for Early Childhood

This bundle includes the best selling SoftTouch programs for early learning including the new Teaching AccessAbility. Teach basic concepts and test for comprehension or make your own tests using images of the students and items that are familiar in the home and school environments. ([www.ablenetinc.com](http://www.ablenetinc.com)). Bundle Includes:

- Concepts on the Move: Basic
- Test Me Basic Concepts
- Monkeys Jumping on the Bed
- My Own Bookshelf
- Old MacDonald's Farm
- SoftTouch Classics 1: Five Frogs Plus
- Songs I Sing at Preschool
- Teaching AccessAbility
- Test Me Score Me
- Wheels on the Bus



## Switches



### **USB Wireless Switch Interface** (\$219.95)

Easy to set up wireless switch interface is the link between a single switch and computer software. It uses radio frequency and transmits up to 100 feet.

The Switch Interface plugs into the USB port.

([www.ablenetinc.com](http://www.ablenetinc.com))

### **Jelly Beamer** \$129.95

The Jelly Beamer wireless switch has two components: the switch that houses a transmitter, and the receiver that can be plugged into any switch-adapted device.

From battery operated toys and electric appliances to your classroom's digital camera or computer.

([www.ablenet-inc.com](http://www.ablenet-inc.com))

