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## In a Nutshell

### Intranet vs Internet

An **intranet** is a private computer network connectivity to securely share part of an organization's information or operations with its employees. Example: Ft. Benning's server allows StowersClassesShared; H-Drive for Teachers; etc. You can NOT access the intranet from home.

The **Internet** is a worldwide, publicly accessible network that you can access anywhere. Example: www.google.com

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## Technology Tips



### Delete Temporary Internet Files & Cookies

(If you go on the Internet a lot, delete files at least once a week; at school and home)

- Click on Internet Explorer
- Click "Tools"
- Click "Internet Options"
- "General" Tab is the default
- Click "Delete Cookies"
- Click "Delete Files"



AverKey



Computer to TV Display; you can easily project any computer application to a TV with an AverKey Connector. (Angie bought everyone that wanted an AverKey last year. Hope you are using it! Let me know if you need a refresher course)

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### Zipping a File to Send as an Email Attachment

#### Why would you need to "zip"?

If you have files that are too large, Zipping will compress the files so they can be sent as an attachment.

1. Go to the folder where the photos are located.
2. Right-click on the folder
3. Click on "Send To"
4. Click on "Compressed Zipped Folder"
5. Your zipped folder will appear.

When attaching it to an email message, just click on the paper clip and go to where the zipped file is located, click on it then click insert.



## Cite the Site

### Enchanted Learning

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html>

This site is awesome! Children's educational web sites and games designed to stimulate creativity, **learning**, enjoyment, and imagination. There are crafts and worksheets for every curricular area and grade level.

There is a \$20.00 yearly fee—but it is worth EVERY penny! I have a subscription if you are interested I will be happy to let you view all the goodies on my computer.

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### Pop-Up Blockers

Don't you hate all those pop-up advertisements! Here's the solution:

- Click Internet Explorer
- Click "Tools"
- Click Pop-up Blocker
- Click "Turn off Pop-up Blocker"

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## Spotlight on Software



Software for Grades K-3.

**WiggleWorks** sets the standard for beginning-reading software with an award-winning blend of technology, literature, and teacher support. This media-rich program integrates leveled books with technology and instruction to help children become successful readers and writers. WiggleWorks provides leveled reading practice, built-in instruction, and motivation to engage students in reading and writing. WiggleWorks helps teachers scaffold instruction and move students toward reading independence.

With **WiggleWorks**, all of your students will become better readers and writers because WiggleWorks offers a research-based, proven formula for promoting literacy in young readers.

### Reading

Research on the effectiveness of WiggleWorks has shown that among first-graders who used the program, test scores went up on four measures of the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. WiggleWorks books and software provide instruction in the five key areas of **No Child Left Behind** and **Reading First**: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

### Writing

With WiggleWorks, writing opportunities abound. Students can write responses to the stories they read or create their own versions, both on the computer and off. Research demonstrates the positive impact WiggleWorks has on all aspects of children's writing-skill development, including content, style, and mechanics.

### Language Support, Including Listening and Speaking

WiggleWorks is interactive—it reinforces print concepts in multiple forms so students can internalize those concepts. All students, including second-language learners, become more fluent and confident readers.

**All Stowers Computers has WiggleWorks!**



## Favorites

To save a website you just add them to your favorites so that when you want to go there you can just easily click on them. Favorites is one of the standard buttons (gold star) you will see when you open a website. If you do not see the

Here's how:

1. Find a site you enjoy and would like to come back to later. This is the fun part!
2. Click on the Favorites icon in the toolbar. You'll see a drop down menu or a left side screen window pop up
3. Select "Add"

\*\*At this point check and see what the name of the website is. You can change it.  
(Example: Stowers Website)

4. Click OK

To find any website that you have put in your Favorites:

1. Open Internet Explorer
2. Click on the Favorites (star) icon
3. Find the website on the left, and click on it. It will take you straight to that website.

--See you next week!