

## What is MIMIO Technology?

Perhaps your students at CIS or CHS, where the *mimio*'s are being introduced, have mentioned this new classroom device to you. The *mimio*®, by Virtual Ink, turns any classroom whiteboard into an interactive whiteboard. It has approximately the same instructional potential as a SmartBoard, in that the teacher can create full-class, *interactive* lessons with documents, maps, templates, and the Internet. The *mimio* is connected to the teacher's desktop and projected with an LCD. In essence, the classroom whiteboard then becomes "the computer monitor." The writing tool, which is similar to a marker, becomes "the mouse."

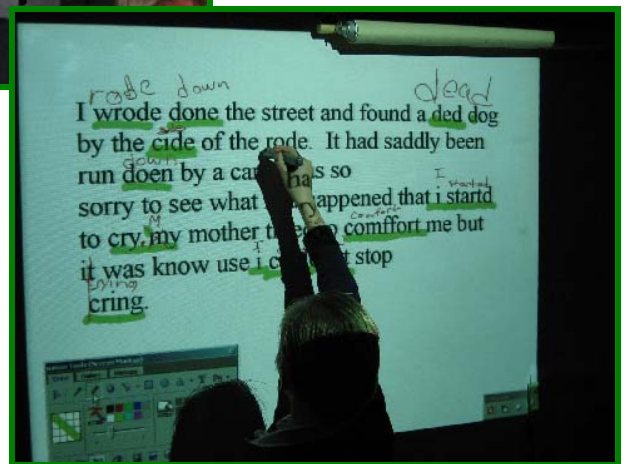


Students come to the board and manipulate text or data, then "capture it", and print the results. Unlike the more commonly used *SmartBoard*, the *mimio* is small. It unfolds and clamps onto any whiteboard, and when the connection is made to the computer and LCD, it uses infrared technology to translate the movements of the writing tool. Everything the students or their teacher write and draw is immediately captured onto the teacher's computer in color and real-time. The quotes and

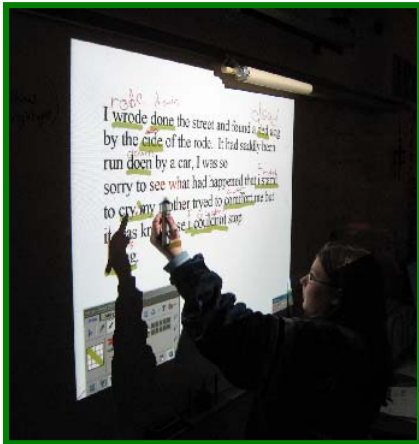


pictures, taken by Andy Buckle at Canton Intermediate, tell more!

"We enjoy working with the *mimio*-board. It makes learning about editing more fun because we can move the words and symbols around ourselves."



"I love when I can do it myself. I learn so much better when I can move words and change things around myself and the whole class can read the results right as I make them."



"I can be out on the web,  
*and take the whole class  
with me*, in seconds. I can  
highlight or draw circles

around text. I can crop text and focus students' attention  
exactly where I want it. Things I used to *explain* to my class, I  
can *show* to my class."

