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Video Clips

Many parents and teachers still want to know how to limit a student's app usage on the iPad. Here's an informative, short video that explains how you can do this. One thing I will mention is when you set your passcode you must have the "Require Passcode" feature set to "**immediately**" in order for this to work. Check out the video at this link: <http://goo.gl/344dqK> .

As you are most likely aware that the iPad's operating was upgraded this fall to iOS 8. This video from a wonderful resource called [Learning in Hand](#) talks about some of the new features that can be useful for students and teachers. View the video on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-d24iXSmXCQ>

FYI--Google's Chrome Browser

I am a definitely a fan of using the Chrome Browser. There are so many terrific add-ons to Chrome to make your life as a user so much easier. If you are not using Chrome along with *Google Docs* and *Google Drive*, you should really think about making the switch--your productivity just got better!

What is the difference between an app and an extension you ask??

Web apps are basically interactive websites that run within Chrome's browser and may not require any downloads. They focus on a single task like learning to keyboard or editing photos for example and you never have to update them. An extension affects something global on your browser. When you install the extension, that feature is available on every single site you visit. Extensions use downloaded components to modify your browser (Chrome). A few of my recent favorites are listed below.

Typing Club--free keyboarding instruction for your students

TLDR--this acronym stands for "Too Long, Didn't Read". This extension creates a summary of any web article without leaving the page. Great for students who have reading difficulties and would benefit from a shortened version.

Chrome Speak or **SpeakIt!**--Text to speech engine. Highlight and right click to have text on the web read aloud.