

# 5 Ways to Use ChatEditor in the Classroom

ChatEditor is a free download available for PCs. There are many ways to use ChatEditor, but one of the most useful is to use it on a SMART Board (or other similar technology) as a communication system. Here are a few ideas of ways you can use ChatEditor in your classroom:

## Use ChatEditor and core words during calendar time!

There are so many core words that can be used during calendar time. Here are a few examples:

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Get today's date; Get the month



Put up the month; Put it up





Who will help me find XX?; Help find the date



Who knows the date?; XX knows it!

## Use ChatEditor for turn-taking!

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Saying   is easy on many vocabulary files, especially WordPower files! When a student comes up to the board, they can inform everyone in the class it is their turn to answer a question. Then



at the end of the student's turn have them tell the next person: It's

## Use ChatEditor during reading and reading comprehension tasks!

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The WordPower files have many "Early Books" programmed into the vocabulary. These books are part of the MELD/TELL ME curriculum, which you can choose to use. But, you can also add your own books. Add important fringe vocabulary to the pages, important verbs, and other important vocabulary (spatial concepts, etc.). Then you can use this page while reading the book AND as a choice board to help students answer comprehension questions about the book.



## Use ChatEditor to state opinions!

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It is so important to move beyond requesting and using AAC devices as question and answer devices. A perfect way to get out of, or avoid, this routine is to let the students state their opinions. At the end of every classroom task, give one, a few, or all of the students a chance to express how they felt about the task they just completed. There are so many things they can say or express:



## Use ChatEditor to begin the day have every student say a positive affirmation!

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Studies suggest that we can make our day better by saying positive things to ourselves. Give every student a chance to come up to the board and say something positive to get the day started. Students could say:

