Directions to build a word cloud with students

1. Create a google doc with the students as a group from the IWB
2. Name it
3. Type in the words that students suggest, tell them you are making a list of all the words to make a word cloud
4. A word cloud it a graphical representation of words.The more words there are in a paragraph the better the word cloud will be.
5. HIghlight the entire text and right click copy (Or ctrl/v)
6. open Wordle at http://www.wordle.net/
7. select create
8. Paste the student words (right click paste or ctrl/p)
9. select go . The application will ask for you to run the application. (I hope it runs without needing an admin code on your computer.)
10. The cloud will be created.
11. Then you can change the font, color, and direction of the cloud with student input.
12. Ask student what they can say about the word cloud data from their observations.
13. The words are arranged by size based on how often they are repeated, so the most repeated word is the biggest.
14. You can print the cloud or take a screenshot with your snipping tool from the teacher computer. Save the screenshot as a picture and post on your website.

Alternatively:
abcya has a word cloud application for students that is pretty easy.
http://www.abcya.com/word_clouds.htm
Go to the website, the students select go to start, type in words
select the arrow
It will create the word cloud and the students can change the font, etc.
It would have to be printed from the 3 bars in the left corner, I am not sure if the student computers can do that.
Or you can save it to the student drive if that is enabled on the computers.