

News Notes

A Newsletter for Teachers of Students with Significant
Cognitive Disabilities
Educational Equity for All



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Easily download ready-to-use, TEKS aligned teaching resources expertly designed for Pre-K to 6 school teachers and their students.

Interactive Online Learning Tool

Assess helps you create, edit, and share any type of classroom activity. Build quizzes, polls, digital worksheets, icebreaker questions, interactive games and puzzles, pre- and post-tests, and ongoing formative and summative assessments.

The Chalkboard

Teaching ideas & inspiration to make your classroom buzz!

PODCAST

For The Love Of Teaching

Join us as we chat to inspirational, everyday teachers in our For The Love Of Teaching Podcast. It's real, it's uplifting, it's funny: it's for the love of teaching!

<https://www.teachstarter.com/us/>



Mrs. P's
SPECIALTIES

Hands On Sight Word Practice

Students in special education settings often learn best from hands on instruction and practice. Use these 10 different practice ideas to help students master and use their knowledge in different ways.

<https://mrspspecialties.com/hands-on-sight-word-practice/>



ESY at Home includes 8 weeks of lesson plans, over 1,000 pages of materials, and 8 digital resources to make distance teaching a BREEZE this summer! [8 weeks of editable lesson plans](#), social stories, adapted books, fine motor, basic skills, boom cards, recipes, science experiments, vocabulary, choice boards, schedules, and more... all planned and ready to go.



Teachers Pay Teachers

https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/ESY-at-HOME-Special-Education-Distance-Learning-5534980?utm_source=BLOG%20POST&utm_campaign=ESY%20at%20Home

WIDEOPENSCHOOL

POWERED BY  common sense

Wide Open School is a free collection

of the best online learning experiences for kids curated by the editors at **Common Sense**. There is so much good happening, and we are here to gather great stuff and organize it so teachers and families can easily find it and plan each day. While we have tried to favor sites that don't require login, some do require registration. The provided resources include links to external websites or applications that are governed by their own privacy policies or information-collection practices, which may be substantially different from those of Common Sense. We encourage you to review the privacy policies and information-collection practices of any external websites and apps before using them with children. Many organizations have stepped up and made their resources free for kids during this critical time. <https://wideopenschool.org/>

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EQUITY FOR ALL
..... Giving kids what they need to succeed.

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



Using SOCIAL SCRIPTS for Autism & other social needs

<https://www.thepathway2success.com/using-social-scripts-for-autism/>

WatchKnowLearn.org

Free educational videos. Organized.

To provide a world-class, online domain on which educators can store, categorize, and rate the best, K – 12 educational videos on the Internet today. And to make this service FREE so teachers, parents and students everywhere may have access to those videos. WatchKnowLearn has indexed approximately 50,000 educational videos, placing them into a directory of over 5,000 categories. The videos are available without any registration or fees to teachers in the classroom, as well as parents and students at home 24/7. Users can dive into our innovative directory or search for videos by subject and age level. Video titles, descriptions, age level information, and ratings are all edited for usefulness. Our Web site invites broad participation in a new kind of wiki system, guided by teachers. WatchKnowLearn does not itself host videos—we serve as a library for links to excellent educational videos that have been selected by educators.

<https://www.watchknowlearn.org/>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Register and Create Your FREE Profile

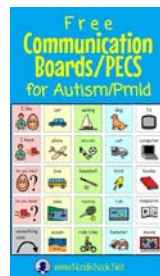
SINGLE SIGN-ON: Once registered, use your login to access any of the Sanford Programs Online Learning Portals.

The Sanford Harmony Online Learning Portal provides PreK-6th grade teachers with everything they need to successfully integrate Harmonys' social-emotional learning program into the classroom, including training, lessons, activities, videos, stories, games, and songs.

The Sanford Inspire Online Learning Portal provides free, on-demand professional development modules and resources to help teachers improve their practice and encourage Pre-K through 12th grade students to become enthusiastic, engaged learners.

<https://online.sanfordprograms.org>

ALTERNATIVE AND AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION



There are plenty of great communication systems for students with severe and profound disabilities. You may find that FREE ones do the trick, like the ones here ([12-Button CORE STARTER](#)) or here ([20-Button STARTER](#)).

<http://www.noodlenook.net/free-communication-boards-autism/>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://teachingunicorn.com/tag/special-education/>

<https://www.kuder.com/success-at-home/>

<https://pbskids.org/apps/pbs-kids-video.html>



LEARNING Without Tears™
Get Set for School • Handwriting Without Tears • Keyboarding Without Tears

Access our Interactive Teaching Tools at no cost for 90 days.

Encourage Children's Learning at Home

The following resources can help you continue children's handwriting, keyboarding, and pre-kindergarten development from a distance.

New! At-Home Learning Packets

Our At-Home Learning Packets provide learning resources for use during school closures, regardless of children's access to a device or the internet. Available by grade, in English and Spanish, these pdfs are easy to download, print and copy

Pre-K Interactive Teaching Tool (Pre-K)

Get Set for School for Pre-K comes to life with an abundance of exciting and engaging multimedia options. With this digital platform you can access activity books, lessons, demonstrations of letter and number formations, music, videos, stories, and more. Platform flexibility allows you to use an interactive white board, a laptop or a tablet.

Handwriting Interactive Teaching Tool (K-5)

Bring student workbooks to life with the Handwriting Interactive Teaching Tool. This no prep, comprehensive approach to teaching includes digital letter formations, teaching videos, and fun animations your children will love.

Use Keyboarding Without Tears for Free

We're offering Keyboarding Without Tears (Grades K—5), our research-proven keyboarding program, to you and your students at no cost through July 31, 2020.** Families can gain free access by contacting our customer service using the contact us link below.

<https://www.lwtears.com/programs/distance-learning>