

Connections

A Newsletter For Teachers Working With Autism
Educational Equity For All



June 2019

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CENTURY THEATRES. *CinéArts* *Tinseltown*
Sensory Friendly Movies

Tickets are \$4.25 and available at the box office on the event date, just ask for the sensory friendly movie



June 8th- Dark Phoenix (PG-13)



INCREASING ENGAGEMENT ON THE PLAYGROUND FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM

The researchers concluded that

it is important to support social interactions in multiple contexts throughout the school day in order to increase engagement on the playground for students with autism. <https://is.gd/KLI8Wo>

The Making Friends Social Stories for Girls And/Or Boys digital download offers help for one of the most distressing problems that our students and children face which is the inability to make and maintain friendships.



Don't miss the next Sensory Friendly Film!

As of this mailing, there are no movies listed for May. Be sure to check AMC website for updates



Movie Showings for Guests & Families Living with Autism or Other Special Needs

AMC is proud to partner with the Autism Society to bring you unique movie showings where you can feel free to be you! We turn the lights up, and turn the sound down, so you can get up, dance, walk, shout or sing!

We are now expanding our Sensory Friendly Film program to four showings per month.

- The second and fourth Tuesday and Saturday.
- Family-friendly movies will continue to show Saturdays, starting at 10am local time
- We've added Tuesday showings at 7pm local time that may appeal to others on the autism spectrum.

Tickets are \$4-6 depending on location and can be purchased on the day of the event. To find a participating theater: <https://www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films>

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..... Giving kids what they need to succeed.

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



KIT FOR KIDS

- “What’s Up With Nick?” Video
- Activity Workbooks
- Test Your Knowledge! Take Our Quizzes To See How Much You Learned.
- Autism Tuned In

Learn more about Nick by watching videos and playing fun activities! <https://researchautism.org/education/students-corner/kit-for-kids/>



15 Activities, Teaching Strategies, and Resources for Teaching Children with Autism.

Here are 15 fun activities to help children with autism feel welcome in your class while addressing their symptoms and individual learning styles. Whether you play them one-on-one or as group activities, these are excellent ways to keep students with autism engaged and ready to learn.

Social Skills Activities for Elementary Students with Autism

1. Name Game
2. “How Would It Feel to Be ____?”
3. Sharing Time

Sensory Activities for Children with Autism

4. Sorting with Snacks Activity
5. Vegetable Paint Stamps
6. Scientific Slime Experiments

Calming Activities to Prevent Autism Meltdowns in Class

7. Grounding Techniques
8. Student Retreat Zone
9. Calm Down Drawer

Effective Teaching Strategies for Children with Autism

10. Bring Special Interests Into Lesson Plans
11. Use Multisensory Learning
12. Try a SMART Goal Challenge

Activities for Autism Awareness

13. “Just Like Me” Activity
14. Picture Books About Diversity
15. Apples and Actions Game

<https://is.gd/PlhZIH>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://theautismhelper.com/summer-school-plans/>
<https://rockinmomsworld.com/links-i-recommend-2/>
<https://is.gd/14U2Dt>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

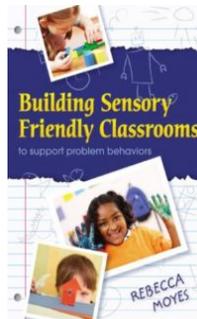
NEBRASKA AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS NETWORK

The Nebraska ASD Network is committed to providing up-to-date information and training based on current research about autism spectrum disorders. Which consists of workshops that are scheduled throughout the state on a variety of subjects and several websites that offer on-line training opportunities related to autism spectrum disorders.

The 2018-2019 Tri-State Webinar Series offers a wide variety of content. Webinars are live on the dates and times posted on the flyer. All webinars are recorded and archived on our site after the initial airing. This allows you to watch all content later as well!

<https://www.unl.edu/asdnetwork/webinars>

RECOMMENDED READING & VIDEO



Building Sensory Friendly Classrooms
by Rebecca Moyes

We all know that half the challenge of teaching is setting up an effective learning environment.

This book is designed to help you structure your classroom so that even kids who struggle with sensory overload (like many kids with autism do) will feel comfortable. The author places an emphasis on using data from student observations to craft a classroom that will support your specific students and their needs.

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