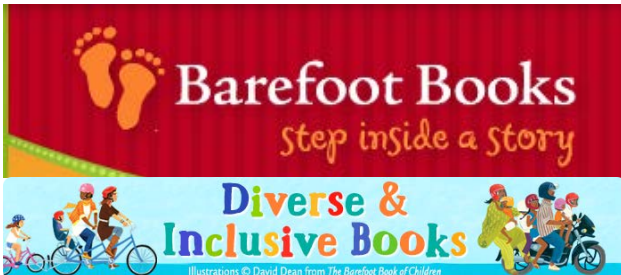


News Notes

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



March 2018



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For each book we review, we will include a summary, our thoughts, potential discussion questions, quotes/pages we flagged, and books that are similar. To make the review even more useful for teachers, we will include how we would use the book in our classroom, including if we recommend the book for a read aloud, literature circle/book club, close reading/analysis, and/or classroom library buy: www.unleashingreaders.com

Practical Tips for Teachers

How do you address the learning needs of your students with multiple disabilities? Here are some tips that you can use right away in your classroom.

1. Tap into the student's strengths.
2. Be ready to make modifications.
3. Ask for the program supports or modifications you need to be included in the IEP.
4. Partial participation can make the difference.
5. Learn about assistive technology (AT).
6. Learn about accessible textbooks.
7. Don't give up on a goal; practice and reinforce.
8. Deal with behavior issues.
9. Make the most of paraprofessionals.
10. Be involved in the student's transition planning.

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Step 1: Determining A Child's Readiness

Step 2: Determining Your Readiness

Step 3: Get set, go!



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<http://www.scholastic.com/teacher/videos/teacher-videos.htm#3183923085001/2160346065001>

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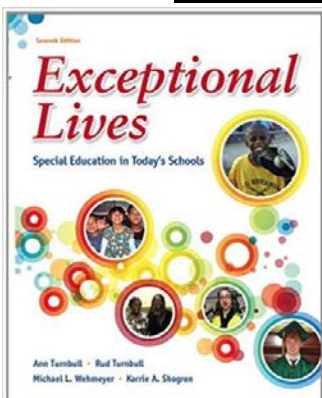
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<https://childhood101.com/best-books-for-kids/>



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