

Connections

A Newsletter For Teachers Working With Autism
Educational Equity For All



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Free Educational Video Series
for Students with Autism



<http://www.tunedintolearning.com/autism-music-video-series-with-miss-veronica/>

Tuned in to Learning® has just launched a free autism music video series to teach the concept of emotions. Learn with Miss Veronica what emotions are all about! Each of these visually compelling and entertaining two-minute video lessons target a different emotion.

The eight emotion dances you can watch for free include:

- Happy
- Sad
- Mad
- Proud
- Calm
- Confused
- Scared
- Anxious

Miss Veronica explains each emotion verbally, through facial expression, body movement, dance, and original music composed by Veronica herself.



Don't miss the next Sensory Friendly Film!



TROLLS
11/12



DOCTOR STRANGE
11/15



FANTASTIC BEASTS
AND WHERE TO FIND THEM
11/26 & 11/29

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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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



Supplies for DIY Weighted Lap Buddy:

- Socks, Leggings, or Tights
- 2-5 pounds of Rice
- Essential Oils (optional)
- Buttons, Brads, or Something for Eyes
- Ribbon (optional)
- Scissors

<https://goo.gl/Mj7RJR>

Are you ever tempted to give your phone number to parents? How many times has it backfired on you.

Now you can give parents a phone number to reach you but not your personal home phone.

Check out Google Voice, Another Amazing resource from the Closing the Gap Conference. Jennifer Lopez was the tech guru.

Google Voice



- Creates a phone number that is associated with your Google account.
 - Ability to send and receive text messages
 - Ability to use your smartphone without giving your personal cell phone number
 - Google Voice can be utilized on a computer or mobile device.



Google Voice



- All voicemails are transcribed and saved
 - Voicemail transcriptions can be modified to include notes and accuracy can be corrected
- Record student reading samples and match with transcription to check for accuracy
- [Google Voice Setup Directions](#)

<https://goo.gl/R2IRW>



Free Social Stories
For teaching appropriate social skills and behavior.

www.filefolderheaven.com



Folder stories, are short illustrated social stories that are easily assembled into a file folder, for simple storing, ease of access and use, and durability. Use folder stories with students who have difficulty with the target behavior.

<http://www.filefolderheaven.com/autism-tasks/folder-stories>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://www.theautismproject.org/asd-resources/how-to>

<http://www.muzicschool.com/>

<http://www.dreamenglish.com/>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

M Thompson Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders
University of Missouri

Online Training Modules

The Thompson Center offers five free online autism training modules to individuals wanting to learn more about autism. The five modules provide information of topics such as: autism in young children, the screening and referral process, evidence-based practices and interventions, transitions to adulthood and building the family- professional partnership.

<https://thompsoncenter.missouri.edu/autism-training/online-training-modules/>



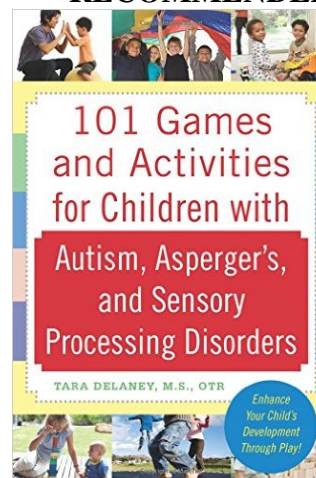
Communication and Behavioral Cue Cards

Large Group of Ringed Cue Cards Below!

Free Downloadable PDF Cards

<http://www.victoriesnautism.com/visual-tools.html>

RECOMMENDED READING & VIDEO



101 Games and Activities for Children with Autism, Asperger's, and Sensory Processing Disorders

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Enhance Your Child's Development Through Play!

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