

News Notes

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



September 2017



Perfect five-minute breaks for your classroom

- Morning meeting
- Snack time
- After recess
- Transitions
- Rewards
- Warm-ups

You get a video every week that answers questions from real students like...

- * Why do we get goosebumps?
- * Could a turtle live outside its shell?
- * Why is the sky blue?

Forever Free <https://mysterydoug.com>



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It's TEACHER GRANT time! This is the first of three programs this school year. Here's the link for the 30-sec application: <http://s.heyo.com/6a4785>. No strings ... use the money for your classroom. Deadline to register is Sept 13 then we'll randomly select 25 teachers and notify you via email.



Little Bird Tales is a storytelling and e-learning tool that can be implemented in hundreds of ways, and is great for

kids of all ages, even for children who can't read and write! <https://littlebirdtales.com/>



Tactual Book Kit Directions

Plants-Science & Surroundings Kit

- Let's Do Plants
- A Person or a Plant?
- Shop Til You Drop

Life Cycles-Birth & Beyond Kit

- The Life Cycle of a Butterfly
- I Made a Frog

Recycling-Cash in the Trash Kit

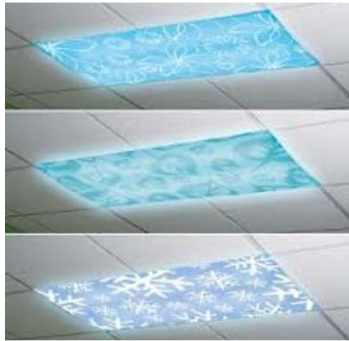
- Snowballs in the Desert
- Down in the Dumps
- Can It!

<https://goo.gl/PgrduU>

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

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



Educational Insights
Fluorescent
Light Filters
(Tranquil Blue),
Set of 4

- Create a calm and soothing classroom or office environment by decreasing glare and flickering from overhead fluorescent lights!
- Harsh glare and flickering lights can cause eyestrain, headaches, even anxiety.
- Four fabric panels fit over standard ceiling fluorescent light fixtures with sturdy, sewn-in magnets, creating a soothing working environment.
- Includes four 2' x 4' heat-resistant Fluorescent Light Filter panels in tranquil blue, and Certificate of Conformance for flame retardancy.

Electronic Books and Online Reading

Explore online reading including interactive stories, articles, and books. Involve readers in writing stories including adding to stories, writing new endings, creating illustrations, and facilitating discussions.

The Rosetta Project contains a collection of nearly 2000 antique children's books online.

- Early Reading and Primary Grades
- Intermediate/Middle Grades
- Young Adults and Adults
- By Kids, For Kids
- Content Area Reading
- Lists and Collections
- Reviewing and Creating Online Books

<http://eduscapes.com/tap/topic93.htm>

Differentiated Instruction Cubes

Great for kinesthetic learners. The set comes in a clear plastic case and includes three durable fabric cubes.



<https://goo.gl/k51z2r>

ALTERNATIVE AND AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION



RESOURCE GUIDE for TEACHERS

http://aac-rerc.psu.edu/documents/AAC_SERC.pdf

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://www.weareteachers.com/file-cabinet-decorating-ideas/>
<http://www.cfclassroom.com/2014/01/ClassroomStorageTips.html>
<https://goo.gl/WIXUMm>



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GREENSIDE SCHOOL

Multi-sensory storytelling

In 2007-2008 we began working on a project to create multi-sensory story sessions for students with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) at Greenside. The idea behind the project was to create resources, build staff skills and encourage participation amongst our least able students. What was unique about this project was the focus on the needs of students with PMLD and on the ways in which they might engage with stories through sensory activities and simple narratives. Often in drama sessions it is the more able students who play the most active roles with less able students taking a back seat. We wanted students with PMLD to be at the centre of these stories.

All the stories I wrote are available here to download as multi-media switching programs. They can be used as teaching resources to follow the story and they include sound effects and music to accompany the various sensory activities. Lists of sensory materials and where to use them in the stories are also downloadable.

<http://www.greenside.herts.sch.uk/Creative/SensoryStories/SensoryStories.html>

Other sensory stories:

<http://www.senteacher.org/download/87/SensoryStories.html>