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TITLE: Build the Brain When it Counts: Cultivate Cognitive and Executive Function Skills

June 16, 2016, 11:00 am CST - 45-minutes
TITLE: Delivering Effective Paraeducator Support to Students with Disabilities: A Delicate Dance

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TITLE: Dynamic Seating

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FEATURED IDEA OF MONTH

Google Chrome and Assistive Technology Applications

What is Google Chrome and how can it benefit the Assistive Technology world and Special Needs students?

If you download the Chrome Browser you can install free extensions or apps. While in Chrome, click on the "apps" icon in upper left corner, then click on the store, then search for the apps/ extensions. The Chrome browser supports screen readers and magnifiers, and offers people with low vision full-page zoom, high-contrast color and extensions. For a listing of Chrome Accessibility Features, visit AZTECH Crazy for Chrome for a very thorough listing.

http://atclassroom.blogspot.com/2013/02/chrome.html

101+ Ideas for Using the BIGmack or Other Single Message Communication Devices   Download/view the PDF version

http://www.spectronics.com.au/article/20918

Interactive Sites for Education

All of the best K-5 online, interactive, educational games and simulations in one place! Look for NEW activities added for the 2015-2016 school year.

Math English Language Arts Science Social Studies Brainteasers
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http://interactivesites.weebly.com/

Severe and Profound Disabilities Interactive Software Bundle

https://www.enablemart.com/learning-and-instruction/audio-video-and-visual-instruction/severe-and-profound-disabilities-interactive-software-bundle

Switch Interactive Software Bundle

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

https://www.edsurge.com/news/2014-12-15-inside-the-special-education-classroom-how-tech-can-help-special-needs-students
http://www.pathstoliteracy.org/blog/ipad-students-visual-and-multiple-disabilities-making-it-easier-get-started
https://www.buzzfeed.com/peggy/easiest-and-quickest-diy-projects-of-all-time?sub=2290204_1277721

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Creating a "Least Restrictive Environment" with Mobile Devices

Anything Digital Can Be Heard

Imagine if books could talk. Think about the benefit of allowing students to experience text through more than one modality, providing them even more opportunities to connect with the written material. Consider the potential if students could leverage text-to-speech in order to:

- Decode and comprehend an article that would otherwise be above reading level
- Independently listen to written directions rather than asking for support
- Enhance their writing and editing process by listening to each paragraph for grammar, structure or sentence variation

Depending on the device, text-to-speech may work in a variety of ways. On iPad, enabling Speak Selection in the Accessibility features not only allows all text to be heard, but -- as of iOS6 -- also includes word highlighting.

Anything Digital Can Be Seen, Manipulated, Experienced

With mobile devices, neither we, as educators, nor our students are limited to a single modality for presenting content or demonstrating understanding. Regardless of the device, the potential exists to create and consume images, audio, video, text and more.

http://www.edutopia.org/blog/least-restrictive-environment-mobile-devices-beth-holland