



# Parent Partnerships

A Newsletter for Parents with Children who have Moderate to Severe Disabilities  
Educational Equity For All

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## Common Core News



### English Language Development

Brochures for Parents/Guardians  
These brochures on the ELA/literacy standards provide parent/guardians insights into what their children are learning as they progress through the grade levels. The brochures also offer suggestions for parents/guardians to support their students' learning and a list of additional resources.

- o [Kindergarten– Grade 12](#)
- o [Kindergarten–Grade 12](#) Spanish



## What You Should Know About Common Core Math

By Bill McCallum

So, what do you as a parent need to know about the Common Core? Here are three things to remember:

1. **The Common Core standards are not curriculum.** Curriculum is what teachers actually follow, or do, in the classroom, and what students do at home. Standards simply say what we want students to learn.
2. **Through the standards, your child will be able to explain the math, not just “do the math.”** For example, through the standards, students will now understand how our number system is based on ten, with the digits in a two-digit number telling you the number of tens and the number of ones.
3. **The math problems that you remember are still important.**

[www.pbs.org/parents/expert-tips-advice/2015/04/math-common-core-for-parents/](http://www.pbs.org/parents/expert-tips-advice/2015/04/math-common-core-for-parents/)



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



*“Programs must meet the needs of the parents they serve rather than demand that the parents meet the needs of the program... A match between parent needs and involvement opportunities increases the possibility that the parent will become actively involved in the program.”*

Elizabeth Landerholm and Jo Ann Karr,  
“Designing Parent Involvement Program  
Activities to Deal with Parents’ Needs”

## Feature Idea of Month



## Pumpkins, Halloween, Big October Freebie!

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

## AFB American Foundation<sup>®</sup> for the Blind

Expanding possibilities for people with vision loss

### What Parents Need to Know About Supported Employment

Supported Employment (SE) is a program established by the federal government in the 1980's that enables individuals with severe disabilities to become employed. It is a complex system that blends resources from a variety of sources. The following information provides a general description of SE.

<http://www.afb.org/info/living-with-vision-loss/for-job-seekers/for-family-and-friends/supported-employment/1235>



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<http://www.autismexpressed.com/about/>

## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://edsources.org/2016/california-moves-to-bring-special-education-students-into-the-fold-of-mainstream-education/561585>

[www.childrensdisabilities.info/parenting/groups-childrensdisabilities.html](http://www.childrensdisabilities.info/parenting/groups-childrensdisabilities.html)

[http://www.pluk.org/Pubs/PLUK\\_ATguide\\_269K.pdf](http://www.pluk.org/Pubs/PLUK_ATguide_269K.pdf)

## October is National Down Syndrome Awareness Month!



National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC)  
<http://www.ndscenter.org/new-and-expectant-parents/>



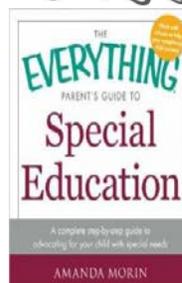
Good Literacy Instruction is Good for All Students with Dr Caroline Musselwhite

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wLkZXqtdAM>

Literacy for All: In conversation with Dr. Caroline Musselwhite

These 11 video clips and related learning guides provide an opportunity to enhance and support teacher practice in the area of literacy for students with significant disabilities. Dr. Caroline Musselwhite is an assistive technology specialist with more than 30 years of experience working with children and adolescents with significant disabilities.

[www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=1111536](http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=1111536)



**The Everything<sup>®</sup> Parent's Guide to Special Education: A Complete Step-by-Step Guide to Advocating for Your Child with Special Needs**