



Parent Partnerships

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

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School and Child and Adult Day Care Meals -Part of the COVID-19 Guidance for K-12 Schools published on March 17, 2020. Updated May 29, 2020.
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/schoolmeals.asp>

HelpGuide

Helping Your Child with Autism Thrive

There are many things you can do to help your child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) overcome their challenges. These parenting tips, treatments, and services can help



Tip 1: Provide structure and safety

Tip 2: Find nonverbal ways to connect

Tip 3: Create a personalized autism treatment plan

Tip 4: Find help and support

<https://www.helpguide.org/articles/autism-learning-disabilities/helping-your-child-with-autism-thrive.htm>

Vroom

This period of change with COVID-19 may bring new challenges, but you already have what it takes! We've collected some simple and fun ways to boost brain building at home together with your child. Even a few minutes count. Check back for new resources in the coming weeks and sign-up for our Vroom eNews to get updates directly delivered your inbox!

Vroom videos kick off conversations by showcasing parents and caregivers engaging in brain building activities with children. Share them in community spaces, insert into presentations, add links to emails/newsletters, or play at events.

<https://www.vroom.org/tools-and-resources>

How to Choose Read Aloud Books: Babies to Third Graders

How do you choose books to read aloud with your child? There are many things to think about: how interesting the topic or characters might be for your child; an intriguing setting, time period, or plot; the liveliness or beauty of the language; or how engaging the illustrations are.

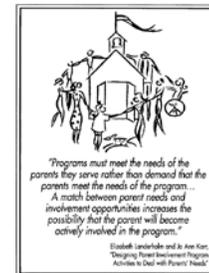
Read alouds for babies and toddlers

- Brightly colored pictures of simple objects.
- Simple texts, rhyming, and repetition.
- Books that introduce colors, shapes, counting, and letters.
- Lift-the-flap and sturdy pop-up books to encourage exploration.
- Board books and cloth books — perfect for young hands to manipulate.

Read alouds for preschoolers

- Bright, big illustrations.
- Simple stories with basic plots.
- Books that help answer a preschooler's "why?" questions about their world.
- Rhyming text, including the classics like Mother Goose and Dr. Seuss.
- Classic stories with universal themes such as friendship and generosity.
- Activity books that encourage exploration, observation, and play.
- Bedtime stories to calm preschoolers after their busy days!

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/how-choose-read-aloud-books-babies-third-graders>



Feature Idea of Month



[*A Parent's Guide to Virtual Learning: 4 Actions to Improve Your Child's Experience With Online Learning*](#) (National Center for Learning Disabilities) The NCLD strongly believes that learners with disabilities can be served effectively in online settings. They've created a resource for parents and families that show the best practices to serve children with disabilities in this new environment.
<https://www.nclld.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/A-Parents-Guide-to-Virtual-Learning-4-Actions-To-Improve-your-Childs-Experience-with-Online-Learning.pdf>

How to Create Daily Schedules to Support Home-Based Learning for Students with Autism

<https://home.edweb.net/webinar/autism20200514/>



Free Educational Resources & Fun Activities
Online Learning Supports for Kids with Disabilities

- [KSDE Dynamic Learning Maps At-Home Learning Resources](#) – resources to help students with significant cognitive disabilities be engaged, focused, and learning.
- [Supporting All Learners: Resources for Families and Caregivers of Children with Special Needs](#) (KSDE TASN)
- [Resources for Working with Cognitive Disabilities During a Pandemic](#) CuriOdyssey: Anytime, Anywhere (KSDE)
- [Online Instructional Resources To Support Virtual Learning For Students With Significant Cognitive Disabilities](#)
- [ASD On The Go](#) – online modules focused on social skill, problem solving, and organizational support. (University of Kansas)
- [Chrome Extensions for Struggling Students and Special Needs](#)

<https://families.togetherinc.org/fun-free-resources-activities/>



Welcome to our online center for parents and kids, designed to help children gain new insights, develop critical thinking skills and have fun.
<https://curiodyssey.org/at-home-science>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://lastinger.center.ufl.edu/distance-learning-resources/early-literacy-tip-sheets/>
<https://mazaam.com/fr/>
<https://talkingtoteaching.org/resources/talk-read-sing-together-every-day-tips-families>

5 Tips To Help Parents Navigate The Unique Needs Of Children With Autism Learning From Home

Research shows adapting teaching to incorporate students' special interests can help students on the autism spectrum learn academic and social skills
Children on the autism spectrum will face unique challenges as they learn from home during the COVID-19 shutdown. These children [process information and learn in different ways to their peers.](#)

They may find it more difficult to independently complete tasks and struggle with managing their time. They are also more likely to have difficulty in writing tasks or ones involving high amounts of language and communication with others.

Children on the autism spectrum [often associate specific tasks with](#) locations. This might mean they resist doing schoolwork at home. Anxiety levels, which are often high in this group of students, [may increase further due to changes in routine or uncertainty](#) about what they should be learning.

General [tips for schooling at home](#) such as setting up a learning space, creating structure and routine and becoming familiar with resources in the Australian Curriculum are good ideas. But parents of children on the autism spectrum may need additional strategies.

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/health/5-tips-to-help-parents-navigate-the-unique-needs-of-children-with-autism-learning-from-home-70874>



Waterford Early Learning Boosts
Register to get free educational resources by email three times per week!

[Waterford.org](#) Early Learning Boosts will help you engage your child in positive learning experiences during the week. Three times a week, we will send an email with a video and an **activity teaching literacy, math, or science** concepts for 3- and 4-year-olds!

The activities are simple, age-appropriate, and designed to **give your child a BOOST in their early education!**

<https://www.waterford.org/early-learning-boost/>