



# A Special way of looking at Common Core Standards for Students with Disabilities

A Newsletter for Special Education Teachers Addressing Common Core Challenges  
Educational Equity For All

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## Science Supports and Strategies



With Groovy Lab in a Box STEM box for kids, you will receive boxes full of everything you need to learn about and do hands on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) experiments for ages 8+.

<https://www.groovylabinabox.com/>

## History/Social Studies Supports and Strategies



PBS and your local station have curated FREE, standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more just for teachers like you.

Browse by Subject

Science, Social Studies, Mathematics, English Language Arts, Engineering & Technology, Health & Physical Education, Preschool, Professional Development, The Arts, World Languages

Browse by Grade

PreK, Early Elementary, Upper Elementary, Middle School, High School



**PreK-12  
Emergency  
Closings**  
[Explore the  
Collection](#)

<https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/>

## Math Supports and Strategies



ST Math starts by teaching the foundational concepts visually, then connects the ideas to the symbols and language. With visual learning, students are better equipped to tackle unfamiliar math problems, recognize patterns, and build conceptual understanding. Without language barriers, the problem is accessible to all students, regardless of skill level or language background. ST Math games include more than 35,000 puzzles with interactive representations of math topics that align to all state standards, with learning objectives that target key grade-level concepts and skills. ST Math & COVID-19: ST Math is available at no cost to parents, schools, and districts affected by closures

<https://www.stmath.com>

## English Supports and Strategies



Funbrain, created for kids in grades Pre-K through 8, offers hundreds of free interactive games, books, videos, and printables that help kids develop skills in math, reading, problem-solving, and literacy.

Our new site makes it easier than ever to find what you're looking for. We've created a unique landing page for each grade, Pre-K through 8, so kids can find the content that's right for them. Each game, book, and video is tagged with key subject areas and skills, such as Addition, Fractions, Vowel Sounds, and Shapes.

<https://www.funbrain.com/teachers-and-parents>



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## Universal Design for Learning



Distance Learning with Newsela

The right content resource keeps learning going, even through times of disruption. Newsela provides an expansive library of engaging, standards-aligned content to drive continued instruction, whether you and your students are together or apart.

Get free access till the end of this school year  
Preview our distance learning content and lessons  
Support equitable distance learning  
Get started with free distance learning resources  
<https://newsela.com/about/distance-learning/>

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning



### BUILDING SKILLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

See how educators are transforming their classrooms with Minecraft

A game-based learning platform that promotes creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving in an immersive digital environment.

As COVID-19 concerns prompt school closures around the world, many educators are turning to remote learning to keep students engaged. To help teachers and students stay connected to the classroom, Minecraft: Education Edition is now available through June 2020 for all educators and learners who have a valid Office 365 Education account. Please fill out this form to verify your account and request access to Minecraft.

<https://education.minecraft.net/blog/microsoft-extends-access-to-minecraft-education-edition-and-resources-to-support-remote-learning/>



## Online Resources:

Many companies are making their subscriptions free during this time. Here are a few that I have heard of and am familiar with.

- Brain Pop and Brain Pop Jr. free during school closures
- Storyline Online (always free): Books read out loud by authors / famous people
- Scholastic
- Learning A-Z
- Accessibyte makes fun, funky, fully accessible apps for users who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, dyslexic, or have other reading difficulties
- <https://www.mobymax.com/differentiated-learning>

## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://2simple.com/blog/using-purple-mash-when-school-closed/>  
<http://blog.classhook.com/2020/03/06/support-for-schools-impacted-by-coronavirus-covid-19/>  
<https://www.gynzy.com/en/>

## Professional Development

Wondering about what are executive functioning skills? Today, I'm very excited to share a mini course that I've been working on behind the scenes. This Free **Executive Functioning Skills Course** is a FREE, 5-day email course that will help you understand [executive functioning](#) and all that is included in the set of mental skills.



<https://www.theotoolbox.com/executive-functioning-skills-course>



Welcome! Our distance learning materials provide fun and inspiring insights into the natural world, and can be the perfect complement to what you may already be doing at home or with your students. We hope that these activities and lessons help us all stay connected.

## Explore, discover and connect

Take an in-depth look at animals all over the world, including information about their habitats, dietary habits, scientific classification and more.

## ACTIVITIES AND MORE: Just for Teachers

SeaWorld and Busch Gardens have been developing resources for educators for over 20 years. Download curriculum guides and individual activities, watch the ShamuTV series, or learn more about careers in the zoological field.

## VIDEO EPISODE: Our One Ocean

Our oceans are all connected, so really, there's only one ocean on Earth. We'll explore our relationships with the ocean and discover diverse projects and inspiring people dedicated to preserving this essential resource.

[FULL VIDEO SERIES](#)

## QUICK RESOURCES: Animal Bytes

Find quick information and fun facts with these 1-page easy resources about animals from A to Z.

## [Animal InfoBooks](#)

INFOBOOKS are your resource for wildlife information. Explore the in-depth details about animals, environments, conservation issues, and much more.