

News Notes

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



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Teaching Summer School: 12 Survivor Tips

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Whether you are a summer school rookie or a veteran, here are a few good tips for surviving summer school:

- Stay Positive
- Plan a Focused Summer Curriculum
- Organize Materials in Advance
- Keep It Simple
- Make It Meaningful & Interesting
- Set the Tone
- Get to Know Your Students
- Be Flexible
- Hold the Homework
- Encourage Group Work
- Make Use of Community Resources
- Keep Parents in the Loop

<http://www.teachhub.com/12-tips-surviving-summer-school>

Summer Self-Care for Teachers: How to Relax, Recover, and Prepare for Fall

- Before you go: Take note
- Take care of you
- Fill the well
- Get ahead
- Shut down, unplug, reboot

<https://education.cu-portland.edu/blog/lifestyle/summer-self-care-teachers/>

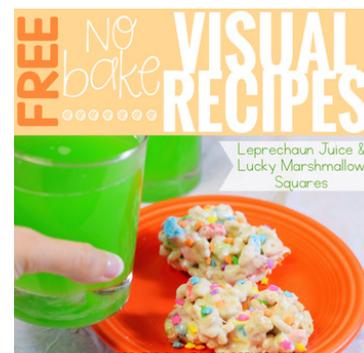


Cooking with kids to practice direction following and problem solving, sequencing and other cognitive aspects of childhood. These tips and ideas are fun and creative ways to practice skills needed for cooking and preparing meals for families. From an Occupational Therapist.

<http://www.theottoolbox.com/2015/10/you-can-help-kids-with->



FREE Visual Recipes with REAL pictures (for special education)
FREE Digital Download
<https://goo.gl/xXTQjW>



GIVE YOURSELF A BRAIN BREAK

(YOU'VE DEFINITELY EARNED IT)

SLOW DOWN

PRACTICE SPONTANEITY.

DO INTERESTING THINGS.

PLAY.

SPEND TIME IN NATURE.

CLEAR OUT SOME CLUTTER.

DISCONNECT.



<http://simplyinspiredteaching.com/2015/06/13/teachers-need-brain-breaks-too-7-ways-to-take-care-of-yourself-this-summer/>

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

Lil' Luna
ALL THINGS GOOD



DIY SPRINKLER RELAY

Easy to follow directions with picture.

Perfect for wheelchairs too.

<https://lilluna.com/diy-sprinkler-relay/>

ALTERNATIVE AND AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION

Tips to Help Teachers Incorporate AAC Into the Classroom

 written by [Karen Krogg](#)

For emergent communicators, introducing and modeling core vocabulary words throughout the school day lets students use language in a variety of ways. Core vocabulary—the most frequently used words in conversation—offers a great place to for teachers to begin as they help AAC users communicate and learn language. Look at schedule and consider ways to target the core vocabulary in activities. See article for ideas.

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WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

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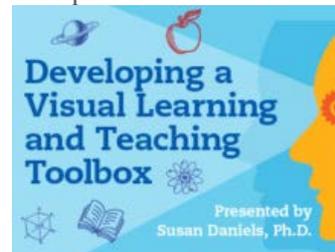
<https://goo.gl/EkDSOZ>

<http://www.annbrundigestudio.com/category/app/power/>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Developing a Visual Learning and Teaching Toolbox

Tuesday, July 17, 2018 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EDT



In this edWebinar, Dr. Susan Daniels, an educator, author, and speaker, explores creative and practical strategies that enable educators to work with the foundational skills of visual learning in the classroom.

<https://home.edweb.net/webinar/studentachievement20180717/>



Each month we study a different kind of music. In August we started with our school song and then local sports songs. Since then we have done country music, dancing music, Disney music, Christmas music, classical music, and most recently pop music. I store our visuals for each month on our fine arts board.

I created PowerPoints for each month with four songs per page. I usually copied and pasted the cover for each song (Google is a good friend of mine) and then hyper linked it to a YouTube video of that song. If I had a smart board, this would be awesome because students could come up and click the song they wanted and the video would automatically show up. However, I would just have them point to the screen, the choice board, or on their device to choose their song. And by linking the videos I know the video is approved and nothing too crazy will come up. Some songs we simply listen to (and watch the music video), and others I have an activity to go with.

<http://www.breezyspecial.com/2014/03/teaching-age-appropriate-music-with.html>

Webinars: Simple Steps to Self-Care for Educators



https://consciousdiscipline.com/webinars-simple-steps-to-self-care-for-educators/?mc_cid=06beb8127b&mc_eid=ffc0e14d1d



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