

Connections

A Newsletter For Teachers Working With Autism
Educational Equity For All



April 2017



The ninth annual World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2017.



The Empire State Building will Light It Up Blue on April 2.

Niagara Falls to Light It Up Blue on World Autism Awareness Day

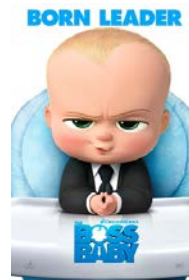


Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Strategies

<https://goo.gl/GXOBOU>



Don't miss the next Sensory Friendly Film!



BOSS BABY
4/8



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SMURFS: THE LOST VILLAGE

Movie Showings for Guests & Families Living with Autism or Other Special Needs

AMC is proud to partner with the Autism Society to bring you unique movie showings where you can feel free to be you! We turn the lights up, and turn the sound down, so you can get up, dance, walk, shout or sing!

We are now expanding our Sensory Friendly Film program to four showings per month.

- The second and fourth Tuesday and Saturday.
- Family-friendly movies will continue to show Saturdays, starting at 10am local time
- We've added Tuesday showings at 7pm local time that may appeal to others on the autism spectrum.

Tickets are \$4-6 depending on location and can be purchased on the day of the event. To find a participating theater: <https://www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films>

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..... Giving kids what they need to succeed.

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



Sharpie Paint Pens!
They stay put, no mess,
no fuss.

How does it come off?"
Just rub well with an
Expo marker, wipe
clean with a Kleenex,
and voila! It is gone!

<http://timeoutsandtootsierolls.blogspot.ca/2012/11/no-more-name-plates.html>

LEARN NC

Reaching every learner: Differentiating instruction in theory and practice

Inclusion strategies for students with autism spectrum disorders

BY SUSAN FLYNN

- Characteristics
- General teaching strategies
- Socialization strategies
- Communication strategies
- Strategies for managing obsessions and compulsions

<http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/every-learner/6692>



Launching young readers!

Reading Rockets

Tell Me About the Story: Comprehension Strategies for Students with Autism

By: Paula Kluth

The following comprehension strategies may help some students gain comprehension skills and improve their ability to read and communicate about written material.

- Build background knowledge
- Think aloud
- Drama
- Reciprocal teaching
- Retelling

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/tell-me-about-story-comprehension-strategies-students-autism>



AutismEducators.com
a resource for those who teach, counsel, or love a child with autism

Kitchen Tools File Folder Task for Autism
<https://goo.gl/dqNoyd>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://www.kiddiematters.com/infographic-teaching-children-how-to-make-friends/>
<https://www.asdreading.com/>
<https://goo.gl/eJQ85z>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Indiana Resource Center for Autism

conducting training, consultations, engages in research, and disseminates information to build local community capacity to support children and adults on the autism spectrum

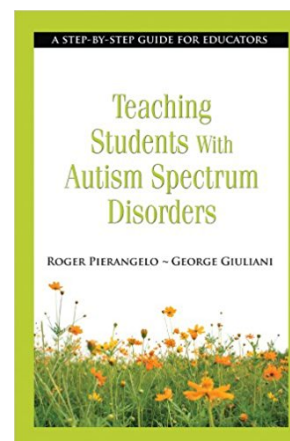
Structured Teaching Strategies: A Series

This series of four articles can be used as a set or separately depending on the needs of the staff/students. Each article will review the rationale for the use of structured teaching, as well as a brief description of the TEACCH® model.

<https://www.iidc.indiana.edu/pages/Structured-Teaching-Strategies-A-Series>



RECOMMENDED READING & VIDEO



Teaching Students with
Autism Spectrum Disorders:
A Step-by-Step Guide for
Educators 1st Edition

by Roger Pierangelo, George
Giuliani

Written by experts in special education and psychology, this user-friendly resource summarizes current research and presents a comprehensive overview of how to teach disorders (ASD). The author strategies for implementing programs that give youngsters with ASD the opportunity to learn and interact with their peers.

Teaching Tips for Children and Adults with Autism

Temple Grandin, Ph.D.
Many autistic children get fixated on one subject such as trains or maps. The best way to deal with fixations is to use them to motivate school work. If the child likes trains, then use trains to teach reading and math. Read a book about a train and do math problems with trains. For example, calculate how long it takes for a train to go between New York and Washington. <https://goo.gl/K0xchk>