

News Notes

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



February 2019

GARDEN LESSON PLANS



Classroom Activity	Accompanying Books	Description	Suggested Month
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<https://growing-minds.org/garden-lesson-plans/>



Time Timer PLUS® 5 Minute

The Time Timer PLUS® 5 Minute packs all the features that have made our visual timers into a new 5-minute timer. <https://goo.gl/PLxwdC>

Personal Emergency Profile

Get the Personal Emergency Profile to raise awareness and engage individuals who wander and elope.

NAA's Personal Emergency Profile

To help individuals affected by language and learning challenges, the National Autism Association and n2y have worked together to build on NAA's body of work around safety. Together, we have created a free, SymbolStix-supported version of NAA's Personal Emergency Profile.

<https://www.n2y.com/blog/national-autism-association-personal-emergency-profile/#01>

Personalized Stories on Emotional, Social, and Behavioral Skills

Tips for Transitioning Back to School



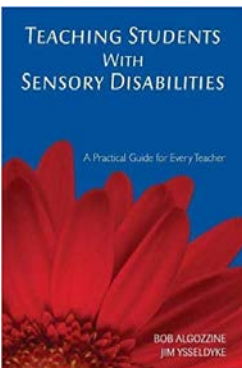
Article - Strategies for Returning to School after a Break

Strategies for Returning to School after a Break provides tips to help make the transition from break back to school easier.

Please feel free to share this article and any other Sandbox Learning article with parents and professionals.

Strategies for Returning to School after a Break - [PDF](#)

Strategies for Returning to School after a Break - [Web Article](#)

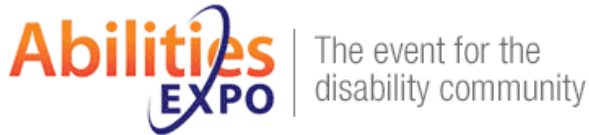


Teaching Students With Sensory Disabilities: A Practical Guide for Every Teacher 1st Edition
by Bob Algozzine, James E. Ysseldyke

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



<https://www.abilities.com/losangeles/>

ALTERNATIVE AND AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION



Communication Training Series Webinars

<https://www.angelman.org/resources-education/communication-training-series/schedule-recordings/>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://goo.gl/PC4TRF>

<https://goo.gl/9sbkT6>

<https://goo.gl/f4pcvS>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Southern California Diagnostic Center

2/12/2019 8:30-2:30

S-2 If It Isn't Written Down, It Didn't Happen!

Presenter: Kathy Whelan-Gioia

Fullerton Joint Union HSD, RCC Region 9 North

Marta Toth; (714) 870-2875; mtoth@fjuhsd.k12.ca.us

2/14/2019 8:30-2:30

A-2 Evidence-Based Practices for Students with Moderate-Severe ASD

Presenter: Margot Johnson

Santa Ana USD, RCC Region 9 North

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2/14/2019 8:30-2:30

S-2 If It Isn't Written Down, It Didn't Happen!

Presenter: Kathy Whelan-Gioia

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2/26/2019 8:30-2:30

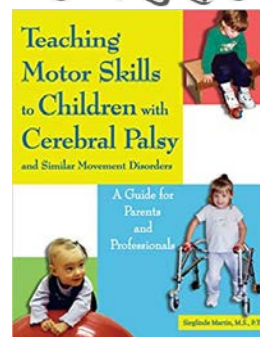
R-8 Inclusive Education for Students with Moderate-Severe Disabilities

Presenter: Nicole Ward

Corona-Norco USD and Desert/Mountain SELPA, RCC Region 10

Caryn De La Torre; (760) 955-3552

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Teaching Motor Skills to Children with Cerebral Palsy and Similar Movement Disorders: A Guide for Parents and Professionals



Learn about core word teaching strategies

Strategies for teaching core words can include: planning core words based on activities or communication functions, teaching using the Core Word of the week, or using the Descriptive Teaching Model.

What are core words?

While spoken language has at least 250,000 words, a list of only 200 words accounts for about 80% of the words you use every day! These words are called "core words".

Core words are usually verbs ("go", "come"), adjectives ("good", "little"), prepositions ("to", "on"), pronouns ("you", "that"), articles ("the", "a"), and conjunctions ("and", "but"). Only about 10% of the first 200 core words are nouns, and these nouns are very general ("girl", "house") rather than specific ("porcupine", "celery").

<https://www.assistiveware.com/learn-aac/learn-about-core-word-teaching-strategies>



Project Learning Tree is an award-winning environmental education program designed for teachers and other educators, parents, and community leaders working with youth from preschool through grade 12.

MAKE LEARNING FUN!

Use the environment to engage children in learning – both outside and indoors.

We offer lesson plans and activities for all ages that can be easily incorporated into existing curriculum or used in informal settings. <https://www.plt.org/>