

Connections

A Newsletter For Teachers Working With Autism
Educational Equity For All



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COMMUNICATION CHALLENGES

Often students with ASD have a difficult time processing language auditorily, especially metaphors, innuendoes, and jokes. These students will struggle in a classroom environment in which much of the information is presented verbally. However, these same students sometimes have great visual memory, which can be used productively in the classroom. Students with ASD (as well as visual learners) will benefit from instruction delivered in picture icons or written sequentially.

Teachers can visually deliver instruction in the following ways:

- Use **multisensory delivery**.
- Use **color**.
- Use **visual cues**.
- Use **guided notes** or other handouts to help students stay focused during verbal instruction.

When information must be presented verbally, teachers can support students with ASD when they:

- Demonstrate/model/act out instructions; use hand signals.
- Complete the first examples with students.
- Repeat instructions after allowing 10 seconds for processing time; speak slowly and clearly, modify tone and pace.
- Put instructions in the same place always.
- Simplify; analyze tasks and break them into small steps.
- Provide extra time and resources.
- Involve students in presentations.
- Team teach.

<https://beyondpenguins.ehe.osu.edu/issue/icebergs-and-glaciers/some-ideas-for-instructing-students-with-autism-spectrum-disorders>



Don't miss the next Sensory Friendly Film!



LONDON HAS FALLEN
3/8 at 7pm



ZOOPIA
3/12 at 10am
3/26 at 10am



THE DIVERGENT
SERIES: ALLEGIANT,
PART 1 3/22 at 7pm

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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xcFEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



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GeoSafari Smart Talk

The GeoSafari's Smart Talk's interactive learning program is great for the home, classroom, and an ABA or Verbal Behavior program. Your special students will learn vocabulary words with the touch of a button! Just slide a

picture card into Smart Talk and the system automatically recognizes the card and sets the learning in motion. Smart Talk teaches 450 need to know words including people, places, things, actions, opposites, colors, shapes, numbers, and so much more.

<http://www.nationalautismresources.com/>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2016/01/19/463601735/in-a-different-key-traces-history-and-politics-of-autism>

<http://www.asatonline.org/>

<https://autism.digital/>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



CAPTAIN

California Autism Professional Training and Information Network

EBP Trainings

Visual Supports

CAPTAIN Reinforcement Presentation

Video Modeling

<http://www.captain.ca.gov/ebptrainings.html>



Training ~ Materials ~ Ideas

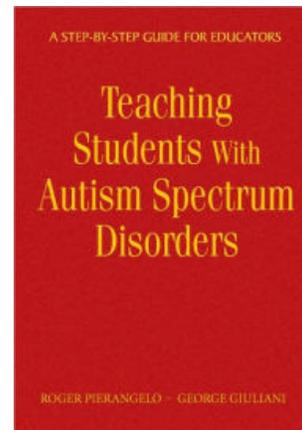
DATA RESOURCES ROUNDUP FROM THE CARD 2016 CONFERENCE

SKILL-ACQUISITION DATA RESOURCES

- 3 Tools for Data Collection: Getting Credit for What You Teach. This post has the link to the academic travel card we showed in the presentation.
- FREEBIE AND CONSIDERATIONS IN DATA COLLECTION FOR INSTRUCTION This has the naturalistic data sheet free for downloading as well as tips about taking sample data in the classroom.
- DATA COLLECTION IN AUTISM: TAKING DATA IN NATURALISTIC SETTINGS (FREEBIE!). This has more information about the naturalistic data sheet and how I use it as well as a link to the Excel spreadsheet for graphing data.
- PUTTING A SYSTEM OF INSTRUCTIONAL DATA COLLECTION TOGETHER. Pretty much as it sounds, this talks about how we organize data collection and plan for it.
- DON'T HOPE! TEACH! ANALYZE YOUR DATA! This talks about why we need to analyze data.
- FREEBIE! EXCEL TEMPLATE FOR WEEKLY DATA ANALYSIS–WITH VIDEO Like it sounds, this one talks about the Excel spreadsheet and a link to the spreadsheet itself.

<http://www.autismclassroomresources.com/data-resources-roundup-from-the-card-2016-conference/>

RECOMMENDED READING & VIDEO



Teaching Students With Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Step-by-Step Guide for Educators

by Roger Pierangelo, George A. Giuliani

Mom's Film Shows a Part of the Autism Spectrum We Don't Often See in Movies

Jack of the Red Hearts (2016)



This mother of a child with autism has drawn on their experiences to bring a stereotype-defying story to the big screen. **“Jack of the Red Hearts,”** tells the story of a teenage runaway who poses as a caregiver and forms a unique bond with an 11-year-old autistic girl named Glory. <http://themighty.com/2016/02/moms-film-shows-a-part-of-the-autism-spectrum-we-dont-often-see-in-movies/>