



The World of A.T. Assistive Technology



Educational Equity For All

May 2020



AbleNet University Free Live Webinars

Explore, Experiment and Enrich with Inquiry-based Science Activities for Young Learners

May 12, 2020 | 11:00 AM CST | 60 minutes

https://www.ablenetinc.com/resources/live_webinars



Closing The Gap

5/12/20 – Supporting Remote Learning with Free Microsoft Tools Free Webinar

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Central Daylight Time

<https://www.closingthegap.com/product/5-12-20-supporting-remote-learning-with-free-microsoft-tools/>

Microsoft has created free, accessible AT to support students who struggle with reading, writing, math and communication. This presentation will showcase how these free Learning Tools can be used to support student engagement and accessibility for users with learning differences such as dyslexia, dysgraphia, ADHD, ELL or a combination of any of the broad range of unique student abilities. Details, demonstrations and student examples will be shared about several new and improved sets of features across Microsoft products. These tools are free and compatible with Ipad, Mac, Chrome!

5/21/20 – Early Childhood AT Supports for Potty Training \$55.00

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Central Daylight Time

<https://www.closingthegap.com/product/5-21-20-early-childhood-at-supports-for-potty-training/>



assess

e-Learning Feature

Interactive Online Learning Tool

Assess helps you create, edit, and share any type of classroom activity. Build quizzes, polls, digital worksheets, icebreaker questions, interactive games and puzzles, pre- and post-tests, and ongoing formative and summative assessments.

It's absolutely free to use today!

https://www.teachstarter.com/assess-online-learning-tool/?utm_campaign=202004+-+Assess+-+Launch+-+Teachers+US&utm_content=202004+-+Assess+-+Launch+-+US&utm_medium=email_action&utm_source=customer.io



6 familiar tools you can lean on during school closures

- Achieve3000, 2–12 reading.
- DreamBox, K–8 math.
- Edgenuity is offering a no-cost, teacher-led online solution so schools can use their online curriculum to provide instruction to students during closures.
- Edmentum, K–12 math, ELA, science, and social studies.
- Khan Academy, K–12 math, science, social studies, and more. Khan
- Learning A-Z, K–5 reading. Learning A-Z is offering free virtual resources through the end of the school year.

<https://www.nwea.org/blog/2020/6-familiar-tools-you-can-lean-on-during-school-closures/>

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



For as long as schools are closed, we're open. Right now, kids everywhere can instantly stream an incredible collection of stories, including titles across eight different languages, that will help them continue dreaming, learning, and just being kids. <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>



All-Turn-It Spinner: Assistive Technology On the Spot! The All-Turn-It Spinner is an assistive technology device that provides accessibility whenever you have an activity or a game involving randomization or chance. First, watch the video for an overview of the basics.



- From the Pacer Center, [EZ AT—Assistive Technology \(AT\) Activities for Children Ages 3-8 with Disabilities: A Guide for Professionals and Parents](#) is a 56-page downloadable PDF that includes several easy (or EZ, I suppose!) to implement activities. Color Bug Sorting, A Zoo for You!, I'm Some Body, and Choo-Choo! all incorporate the All-Turn-It Spinner.
- From Communication [AActualized](#), this downloadable PDF includes a color-coded template and multiple implementation ideas using basic randomization and chance games such as B-I-N-G-O, Spin to get Matching Sets, Collect-Them-All Game, Collect-Them-All...Build a Picture, Move Around the Board. and Collect the Most in order to teach core academic subjects such as ELA and math.
<https://at4kids.com/blog/all-turn-it-spinner-assistive-technology-on-the-spot>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://storyweaver.org.in/>
<https://practicalaac.org/>
<https://www.specialolympics.org/school-of-strength/fitness-movies/video-4-boost-your-balance>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Tennessee Talks Training Events
ISAAC: Aided Language Input, Attributing Meaning, Core Vocabulary and Pre-symbolic Communicators

- Tuesday, May 5, 2020
- 7:00 PM 8:00 PM

To Register:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8022499037384454669>

ATIA: Supporting Communication in the Home Setting: Language & Literacy
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
12:00 PM 1:00 PM

Register for FREE here: <https://www.atia.org/path-lms/?pathPage=%2Fatia%2Fcourses%2F17607>

Assistive Technology Resources

- Communication and Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC)
 - [Ideas for Communication and AAC Practice](#) (*Accessible version available upon request. Please email prc@apsva.us*)
 - [Curious George Gets a Talker](#)
 - [How many ways can I request poster](#)
 - [ICAN Talk Clinic: Aided Language Stimulation](#)
 - [ICAN Talk Clinic Prompting Strategies Resource](#)
 - [Low Tech Overlay Speak for Yourself](#)
 - [Say It With Universal Core 1 and 2 Words](#)
 - [Speak for Yourself Overlay](#)
 - [Use Universal Core: UNC Project Core](#)
 - [Wordless Books – Growing Reader](#)
 - [Wordless Picture Book List](#)
 - Organization and Time Management Resources
 - [TEACCH Tips #1- Visual Schedule](#)
 - [TEACCH Tip#4: Visual countdowns and time limits](#)
 - [Reading Access and Assistive Technology](#)
 - [Vision Access and Assistive Technology](#)
- ### Writing Support Resources

Behavior

- [Temporary Strategies for Avoiding or Reducing Problem Behaviors in the Home Setting](#)