

News Notes

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



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PowerPoint Book Templates

A fantastic resource for computer books is Tar Heel Reader www.tarheelreader.org. Tar Heel Reader is an excellent website for getting already made books or for making your own. There are hundreds of free books that you can read online or download as PowerPoint books. The PowerPoint templates below offer slightly different options with pre-set features, such as finger spelling pictures on the book pages. <https://t.ly/pnxAr>

Cool Template Features

The book templates have been set up to do the following things.

- Rereads Book:
- Visual Feedback During Page Turning:
- Auditory Feedback During Page Turning:
- Setting Up Book to Automatically Open in Slide Show Book Mode

PowerPoint.Resources for <https://t.ly/pnxAr>

Creating PowerPoint Stories Images

<http://www.pics4learning.com/> - copyright friendly images for education
<https://www.discoveryeducation.com/> Clipart Gallery
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page - database of user submitted images can be freely used
<https://www.freefoto.com/index.jsp> - online photo gallery
<https://classroomclipart.com/> - small selection but good graphics

Brainy Betty

<http://www.brainybetty.com/soundsforpowerpoint.htm>
Free Sound Clips and Music for powerpoint

<https://t.ly/1Dd27> Royalty Free Background Music for Powerpoint and Other Projects



Fund for Teachers strengthens instruction by investing in outstanding teachers' self-determined professional growth and development in order to support student success, enrich their own practice, and strengthen their schools and communities.

Fund for Teachers awards fellowships for self-designed professional growth to PreK-12 teachers who recognize the value of inquiry, the power of knowledge, and their ability to make a difference. Each Fund for Teachers fellowship is as unique as the teacher who designed it, and since 2001, approximately 5,000 teachers have been awarded \$17.8 million in Fund for Teachers grants-up to \$5,000 for individuals, or \$10,000 for teams. The 2020 application will open on October 1, 2019. <https://fft.fundforteachers.org/>



Educational Equity For All Make and Take Weekend Workshops

Once a month, workshops will be held to complete as many activities as you can.

For one low price you will have colored pages, 5mil lamination, and Velcro provided. Each month will be a different type of format for the activities.

Reserve your place on <https://t.ly/kMm8D>

Oct 12: File folders

Nov 17: Assistive Technology Activities

Dec 15: Calendar Books

Jan 18: Shoebox Activities

Feb 16: File Folders

Mar 14: Shoebox Activities

Apr 19: Powerpoint games/Activities

May 16: Other Manipulative Activities

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

GoWrite! Dry Erase Roll



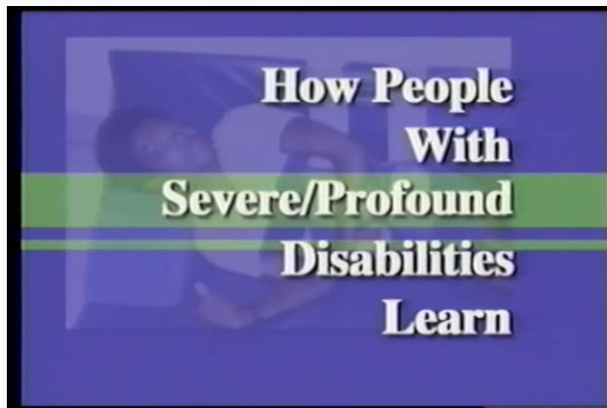
This self-adhesive dry erase roll is ideal for conference room tables, desks, walls, doors and almost any hard surface. Fully adhesive back makes it easy and convenient to put up; adhesive will not leave

Residue; Dry-erase surface wipes clean after use; board is recyclable.



Teaching Students with Severe Disabilities
By: David L. Westling; Lise L. Fox; Erik W. Carter

How People with Severe/Profound Disabilities Learn https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52hASSHA_nE

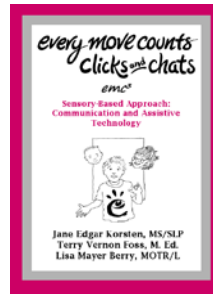


This is a very dated video but well worth watching. If you work with students who have very significant physical challenges, this is the video for you. I have used it to figure out what kinds of goals to write for my students. It is from a medical/ hospital setting but does give you insight of why it is so important to really provide a positive learning environment for your students with more than just laying down stretched out on the floor or a mat.

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

http://www.hubbardscupboard.org/printable_booklets.html
<http://www.readinga-z.com/books/leveled-books/>
<http://pattip.wikispaces.com/PowerPoint>
<http://www.halcyon.com/marcs/lessons.html>

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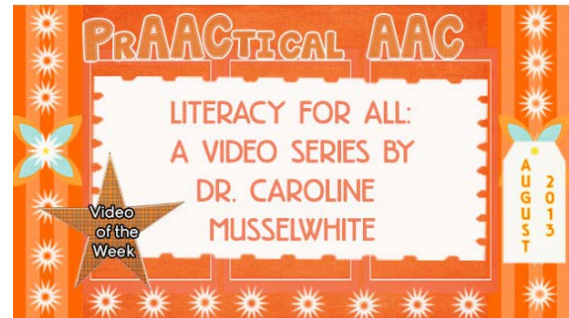
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Every Move Counts, Clicks and Chats

A sensory based approach to communication and assistive technology for individuals with significant sensory motor differences, developmental differences and autism.



<http://www.everymovecounts.net/program.html>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Dr. Caroline Musselwhite addresses the topic of overall good literacy instruction. She presents information about how to teach students with significant disabilities using fairly common literacy instruction strategies. There are 11 short video posts to help you get started. She discusses the issues of AAC and suggests strategies that are easy to implement and highly effective. Keep Calm and Watch On <https://t.ly/60MeI>

Calendars to Books: Quick & Easy!

Dr. Caroline Ramsey Musselwhite 2012

<https://t.ly/dWmA8>

We often create books to support students in their interests or current topics of study. Calendars can support students because calendars:

- A) Typically have excellent graphics
- B) Are cheap (especially if you get them at the end of the year!)
- C) Can be connected to student interests such as wrestling or butterflies
- D) Can support classroom topics of studies, such as battles World War II.