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A Newsletter for Paraeducators and Their Teachers
Educational Equity for All



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Paraeducator Symbol



Just as the extra pair of wings enables the dragonfly to accomplish astounding aeronautic gymnastics, paraeducators have become the extra pair of hands that allows teachers to truly support and
MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR EVERY STUDENT

Teaching Learners with Multiple Special Needs

Resources and ideas for teachers of learners with severe, profound, intensive, significant, complex or multiple special needs.

Switch Activities

The activities listed are chosen because they can be used with switches, they are simple and they are enjoyable. The activities listed are free. Some activities may require set up by an assistant before switch use. Although care has been taken not to include switch activities with any violence or graphic images teachers and others still need to check activities for age and general appropriateness before use.

Cause and Effect (and Press to Play):

- [About 1-5](#) (download)
- [Bugs, Transportation and Musical Monkey](#) (set switch to tab)
- [Help Kidz Learn](#) (now primarily a subscription site)
- [Hiyah](#)
- [Kneebouncers](#)
- [Priory Woods Videos Revamped](#)
- [Learning Tools](#) (scroll down)
- [Owlie Boo](#) (any of the activities under "Pressing Keys" with switch set to space bar or enter)
- [Rock Paper Scissors](#)
- [NGFL Snap Matching Activity](#) (teacher must set up, but arrow over the "Snap" button)
- [Silly Books](#) (look for the "click through books" and set mouse arrow over "next")
- [Special Bites](#)

<http://teachinglearnerswithmultipleneeds.blogspot.com/p/online-activities.html>

tes sensory matters special needs

<https://www.tes.com/articles/sensory-matters>

Sensory play ideas

- Lots of ideas for messy sensory play ideas, especially suitable for preschoolers and special needs. [ibuzzybea](#)

Multisensory experiences for pupils with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities

- Sensory explorations of factual information covering Birds, Hinduism, Space, Newspapers, Japan and Sea. [MummyHen](#)

ICT for sensory or physical needs

- Guide to ICT provision for pupils with sensory or physical needs. [ICTfromBecta](#)

Sensory recipes and activities

- A collection of free recipes, activities and ideas suitable for classroom use. [te4chr](#)

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

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

Physical Activities In the Wheelchair and Out

An Illustrated Guide
to Personalizing Participation



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Meet the abilities of
each person by
personalization
Personalizing
participation involves

using the tools of space, equipment, and skill in
unique ways that meet the abilities of each person.

<http://www.humankinetics.com/products/all-products/physical-activities-in-the-wheelchair-and-out>

5 Ways to Encourage Communication with a Non Verbal Child Diagnosed with Autism

1. Enter into their world by using motivating people, items, etc. to encourage communication
2. Label feelings as they occur
3. Assume competence
4. Model Language and use Aided Language Stimulation
5. Use a total communication approach using both unaided and aided communication

<https://goo.gl/ynCxxG>



FCBooks
A Friendship Circle eBook



A Crash Course in Meltdown Management

Written by: Karen Wang

Meltdowns can possess
an almost mythological
quality: it's hard to
believe that they even
exist unless you've seen
or experienced one
firsthand. Behavior is
communication, and
every meltdown
happens for a reason.

Pages: 31 pages Price: \$3.99

<http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/ebooks/meltdown-management/>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ919359.pdf>

<http://www.activelearningspace.org/2-uncategorised/27-musical-instruments-mounted>

<https://goo.gl/iwbXHI>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ALISON

A New World of Free Certified Learning

<https://alison.com/learn/teaching-and-training-professionals>

Perks:

- certificates and diplomas available
- free (with ads), can pay to avoid ads
- courses are self paced

A Taste of What's there:

- Effective Communication Techniques for Teachers
- Instructional Planning for Successful Teaching
- Introduction to the Learning Process for Teachers and Trainers
- Motivating Students to Learn
- Understanding Student Development and Diversity
- Working with Students with Special Educational Needs



Keep Children Safe Using Active Supervision



Although the following are from the Head Start Office of the Administration for Children and Families Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center, they are just as applicable for all students with regard to supervision strategies.

Children learn best when they are in safe, well-supervised environments.

Active Supervision

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Find six strategies to keep children safe in classrooms, family child care settings, and socializations.

Active Supervision At-a-Glance [PDF, 56KB].

Active Supervision Poster [PDF, 1.4MB]

Active Supervision Toolkit [PDF, 230KB]

Active Supervision Webinar

Leave No Child Unattended! Use Active Supervision to Keep Children Safe

Supervising Children on Head Start Buses

Child Supervision on Transportation: Attention

Management and Active Supervision on Head Start Buses [PDF, 257KB]

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/health/safety-injury-prevention/safe-healthy-environments/active-supervision.html>