

Connections

A Newsletter For Teachers Working With Autism
Educational Equity For All



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What's the Point of Sensory Bins, Bottles and Bags?

Sensory bins, bags and bottles are easy and inexpensive to make. They don't require a lot of room. This give children the opportunity to further their sensory exploration without the need to go to an indoor play place or children's museum. They are an incredibly simple way to incorporate sensory play in your own home or vehicle or classroom.

Usually summer school means beach themes. Here are some great ideas from "The Chaos and the Clutter" to send home and then explore together with students virtually.

Beach and Ocean Sensory Activities:

[Ocean Sensory Bag](#)

[Seaside Sensory Bin](#) (great way to use an old pool noodle!)

[At the Beach Nature Sensory Bottle](#)

[Sea Turtle Life Cycle Sensory Bin](#)

[Seashell Fossils in Playdough](#)

[Ocean Sensory Bottle](#)

Kids fascinated with sharks?:

[Edible Shark Fluffy Slime](#)

[Shark Sensory Bottle](#)

[Squishy Shark Sensory Bag](#)

and a bit of mermaid sensory fun:

[Mermaid Calm Down Bottle](#)

[Mermaid Stress Balls](#)

[Mermaid Sensory Bag](#)

[Mermaid Tail Sensory Bottle](#)

<https://www.thechaosandtheclutter.com/archives/whats-the-point-of-sensory-bins-bottles-and-bags>



Don't miss the next Sensory Friendly Film!



Until further notice Sensory Friendly Events have been postponed

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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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



Teacher finding creative ways to teach students with autism online

Students have continued their education online with schools closed. One teacher has been working tirelessly from home to keep her students with autism engaged in learning. Pamela Wheeler teaches a class of ten students with Autism at Valle Del Sol Elementary school in Coachella. She is pre-recording videos, utilizing many online resources, and working closely with the parents.

<https://kesq.com/news/2020/05/20/neighborhoodheroes-teacher-finding-creative-ways-to-teach-autistic-students-online/>

Personalized Stories on Emotional, Social, and Behavioral Skills



Tips for Developing Critical Skills for Friendships

Friendships are an important part of our lives even when we are separated from one another. Help children develop critical skills for friendships with the article, *Helping Children Develop Friendships*, and stories about important social skills for friendships.

Article - [Helping Children Develop Friendships](#)

Six strategies for helping children understand social interactions and learn to be a good friend. Please feel free to share this article and any other Sandbox Learning article with parents and professionals.

[Helping Children Develop Friendships - PDF](#)

[Helping Children Develop Friendships - Web Article](#)

Teen Topics

Teen Topics are short ebooks for addressing topics important for tweens and teens. Sandbox Learning created this series to meet the needs of older children. Teen Topics are a few pages long, all text, and are not customizable, but have the benefit of being used through Kindle apps.

<https://www.sandbox-learning.com/>



Challenging Behaviors Tool Kit

The Challenging Behaviors Tool Kit will provide you with strategies and resources to address these behaviors and help support you during difficult situations.

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/tool-kit/challenging-behaviors-tool-kit>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://online.autismtreatmentcenter.org/>

<https://thetouchpointsolution.com/blogs/touchpoints-blog/things-all-teachers-should-know-about-autism-in-the-classroom>

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Remote-Learning-Students-with-ASD.pdf>

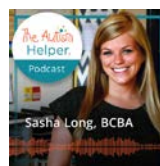


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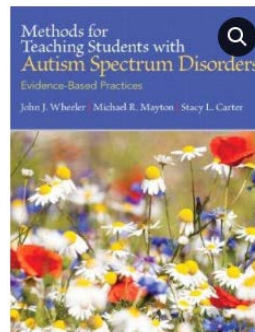
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PODCASTS

Truth for Teachers Podcast. Each podcast episode is between 10 and 30 minutes long.



The Autism Helper Podcast: Sasha Long: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-autism-helper-podcast/id1443908794?mt=2>

RECOMMEND



Methods for Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders: Evidence-Based Practices 1st Edition

Format : PDF file

<https://bigball.store/shop/bigball/methods-for-teaching-students-with-autism-spectrum-disorders-evidence-based-practices-1st-edition>



Free Download: 11 Strategies to Calm Down Adapted Book

- Help your students become more independent calming themselves down?
- Teach your students how to regulate their emotions?
- Add a strategy resource to your calm down corner?

If so, this **11 strategies to calm down** adapted book is perfect for you to use with your students.

<https://learn-with-nikki.mykajabi.com/calm-down>