



Parent Partnerships

A Newsletter for Parents with Children who have Moderate to Severe Disabilities
Educational Equity For All

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SB 328, Portantino. Pupil Attendance: School Start Time

On October 13, 2019 Governor Newsom signed SB 328 (Ch. 868, Statutes of 2019)

into law. This law prohibits middle schools from beginning no earlier than 8:00am, and high schools no earlier than 8:30am, except for zero periods. The bill exempts rural school districts from its requirements.



Top 10 Topics: Parents Concerns and Matching Resources

The statement that “knowledge is power” is especially true for parents who want to be effective advocates for their children with disabilities. To make sure parents have the information they need most, PACER conducted a survey, and nearly a thousand people responded. Given a list of choices, parents of children from each age group indicated their top three concerns. This PACER Action Sheet provides a selection of helpful information to address each topic from a variety of national and statewide organizations. As Albert Einstein said, “Know where to find the information and how to use it — that’s the secret of success.”

<https://www.pacer.org/parent/top10-parent-concerns.asp>



All About Young Children
Information for Families on Children's Early Development

Select your preferred language:

Welcome to the All About Young Children website where you can find out about what skills help children learn, how they learn language, how they learn about feelings and relationships, how they learn about numbers, and how they become skillful at moving their bodies.

<https://allaboutyoungchildren.org/>

WINTER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY

When the winter arrives, it can often be trickier for parents of children with cerebral palsy to find activities that are easily accessible. Colder and icier weather can reduce mobility and make going outside more daunting, but it’s good to get out and about, enjoy the fresh air and, most importantly, have fun! There are, of course, lots of activities that can also be enjoyed indoors.

In this blog, SpecialKids Company suggests some winter activities for kids with cerebral palsy. These can all be adapted to meet the needs of your child. t.ly/Ed9Lp



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Feature Idea of Month



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Resources for Parents

- A Family Guide to Participating in the Child Outcomes Measurement Process:
- English | Español (PDF)
- Behavioral and Academic Motivation for Students with Learning Style Differences (PDF)
- Building Flexibility and Resilience in Children and Teens with Autism Spectrum Disorders (PDF)
- Building Independence In Children with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism (PDF)
- College Planning Tips for Students with Learning Differences (PDF)
- College Planning Calendar for Students with Learning Differences (PDF)
- College Planning Reading List for Students with Learning Differences (PDF)
- Dyslexia and Other Reading Disorders (PDF)
- Executive Functioning Strategies to Empower Your Child (PDF)
- Guidance for Military Families with Students in Special Education (PDF)
- No Fighting! No Biting! Managing Sibling Conflict (PDF)
- College Accommodations and Services (PDF)
- Public Safety Considerations for Children with Autism (PDF)
- Social Stories: A Tool for Social Skills Training for Individuals with ASD and Other Developmental Disorders (PDF)

<https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/398>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

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

<https://www.naturalbeachliving.com/daily-visual-schedule.t.ly/xKP6Y>

Helping your child to



When helping your child read at home, several strategies may be used to assist in working out unknown words.

1. Tell your child to look at the picture.
2. Tell your child to look for chunks in the word, such as it in sit, all in small or and and ing in standing.
3. Ask your child to get their mouth ready to say the word by shaping their mouth for the beginning letter.
4. Ask you child if the word looks like a word they already know. Does could look like should?
5. Ask your child to go on and read to the end of the sentence. Often by reading the other words in context, they will be able to figure out the unknown word.
6. If your child says the wrong word while reading, ask questions like:

Does it make sense?

Does it sound right?

Does it look right?



Morning Routine



Evening Routine



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[t.ly/8D50N](https://www.naturalbeachliving.com/daily-visual-schedule.t.ly/8D50N)



<https://www.matrixparents.org/events-calendar/matrix-training-schedule/>

Matrix Supports Families of Children With Special Needs Training & Event List