

News Notes

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



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OPEN CULTURE

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200 Free Kids Educational Resources: Video
Lessons, Apps, Books, Websites & More

http://www.openculture.com/free_k-12_educational_resources



Applied Digital Skills Back to School Kit

Digital Lessons for Teachers

Use our free teaching resources to help students gain
essential digital skills

Get ready for the new school year with ready-to-use
lesson plans, rubrics, one-pagers, printable posters,
and much more.

If-Then Adventure Stories

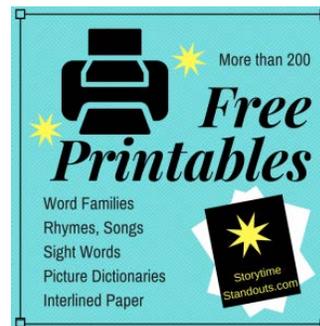
Collaborate with classmates to create an interactive
story using Google Slides.

<https://goo.gl/P461jj>

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<https://usa.grantwatch.com/grant-search.php>

- Grants to USA PreK-12 Teachers for Educational Arts
Programming to Benefit Students Who Learn
Differently
- Grants to USA Nonprofits, Agencies, and IHEs to
Evaluate Education Interventions for Special Needs
Students



Hundreds of free homeschool,
preschool and kindergarten
printables, especially for
teaching reading. These are
great resources for teachers,
parents and other caregivers
to use with young children
who are beginning to read and
write.

<http://www.storytimestandouts.com/free-early-literacy-printables-children/>



Grade K-4 Science for Kids

Interactive videos & games
chad swenson

Nurture your child's curiosity! Join Haley, a science gal, on
20+ interactive adventures designed by NASA-trained
educators & professional storytellers. Dig to Earth's core, sail
the solar system, dive to the ocean floor, & more! New
content weekly. Price Free

This app is only available on the App Store for iOS devices.

HALLOWEEN SCIENCE PARTY

If you were invited to Steve Spangler's
house on Halloween, you would be
entertained and amazed by these
Halloween favorites. Designed for the
home or school party, the kit features
more than 12 spooky experiments.



<https://goo.gl/E6y2hZ>

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EQUITY FOR ALL
..... Giving kids what they need to succeed.

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



Adapting iBooks for Children with Multiple Disabilities: Book Creator App

<https://goo.gl/492m8R>
<https://goo.gl/rwT6xQ>



Students can easily access the iBooks on their classroom iPads or iOS devices.

ALTERNATIVE AND AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION



Picto-Selector

Picto-Selector is a windows application for creating visual schedules.

<https://www.pictoselector.eu/pt-pt/>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://goo.gl/Q1g3nz>

<https://aerbvi.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/3.pdf>

<https://goo.gl/DX1xeC>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TeachingPartners

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Practical Strategies for Special Education Success in the Classroom

There are many practical strategies that are effective in the classroom. It is recommended that a multi-modal approach be used, visual, auditory, kinesthetic and tactile for optimum success.

Classroom Environment

- Provide the use of a study carrel when necessary.
- Seat student in area free from distractions.
- Eliminate all unnecessary materials from student desk to reduce distractions.
- Use a checklist to help student get organized.
- Keep an extra supply of pencils, pens, books and paper in the classroom.
- You may have to allow the student frequent breaks.
- Have an agreed upon cue for student to leave the classroom.
- Reduce visual distractions in the classroom.

Time Management and Transitions

- Space short work periods with breaks.
- Provide additional time to complete assignment.
- Allow extra time for homework completion.
- Inform student with several reminders, several minutes apart, before changing from one activity to the next.
- Reduce amount of work from usual assignment.
- Provide a specific place for turning in assignments.

<https://www.thoughtco.com/practical-strategies-for-the-classroom->



Progressive Phonics all-in-one reading program boy and dog reading Progressive Phonics is an all-in-one reading program that is easy, fun, and totally FREE---that's right, totally and completely free!

And with Progressive Phonics, ANYONE can teach a child to read and write in just a few minutes a day, which makes it ideal for parents, teachers, tutors, volunteers and home-schoolers.

No experience necessary. Just pick a book and start reading it with your child/students.

Matching handwriting worksheets and activity sheets for each book -- when children write what they learn, they learn it better.

Also teaches the essential sight-words (and phonics rule-breakers) that most phonics programs fail to teach.

Instant access -- download and use today.

Our books can be read on-screen or printed on your color printer. Each book takes 4--8 minutes to print and uses as little ink and paper as possible.

But don't judge a book by it's home page. Read one of our books with a child and see for yourself.

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

Annie's Grants For Gardens

Deadline: 11/01/2018

Showing future generations how sustainable food is grown changes their lives. Supports food education and makes healthy gardens accessible to hundreds of students across the country. Connecting kids to gardens helps them to start thinking more holistically about their food, their communities, and the planet.