

# News Notes

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

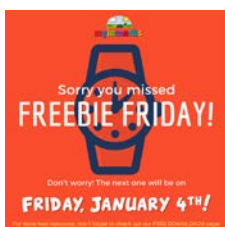


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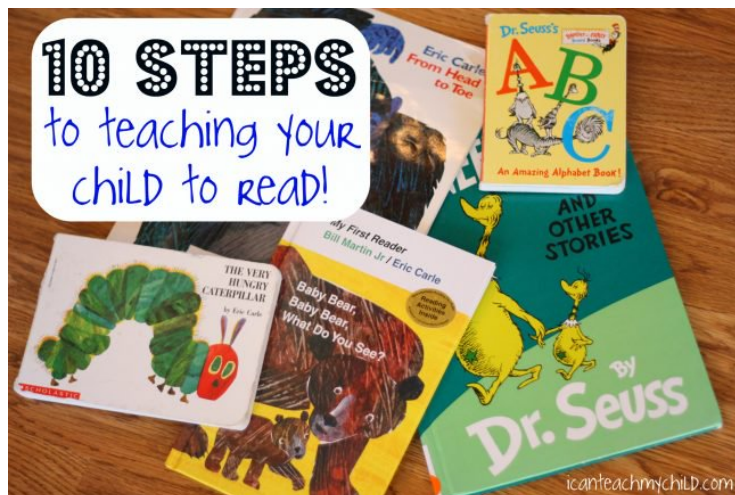
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10 STEPS  
to teaching your  
child to read!



### LEARNING TO READ

In summary, here are some practical suggestions you can implement every day based on the learning to read strategies shared with you in this post. Obviously, you can't implement all of these suggestions with children of all ages, so use your judgement about what is the best way to teach your child to read.

- Read to your child every day!
- Ask your child questions before, during, and after reading.
- Let your child see you reading.
- Look for letters while out and about and in the environment around you.
- When teaching letters and letter sounds, incorporate as many senses as possible.
- Read a variety of books and make a game out of guessing the genre.
- Have fun rhyming!
- Work on letter sounds and manipulating them within words (phonemic awareness)
- Encourage your child to sound out short words (consonant, vowel, consonant).
- Practice memorizing a few sight words each day.
- Most of all, have fun together!

<https://www.icanteachmychild.com/10-steps-to-teaching-your-child-to-read/>

## FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

POSTURAL CONTROL,  
GROSS MOTOR SKILLS  
AND  
MEALTIME



<https://www.yourtherapysource.com/blog1/2016/10/26/postural-control-mealtime/>



Lesson Plans-Browse hundreds of free lesson plans covering dozens of subject areas.



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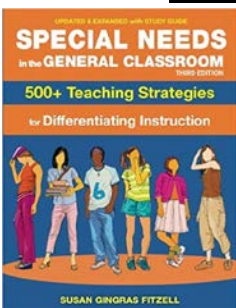
Activities-Find fun and creative projects to do throughout the school year with our collection of activities

<https://www.schoolspecialty.com/ideas-resources#pageView:list>



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Special Needs in the General Classroom, 500+ Teaching Strategies for Differentiating Instruction

By Susan Gingras Fitzell M. Ed

## ALTERNATIVE AND AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION

### 6 Things You Should Have in Your Student's AAC Device

1. Rejecting Something.
2. Asking Questions.
3. Getting Attention.
4. Putting in Our Two Cents.
5. Answering Questions.
6. Etiquette Phrases.

<http://www.noodlenook.net/using-aac-classroom/>

## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://www.freetech4teachers.com/>

<https://goo.gl/GNfH4m>

<https://goo.gl/RAJpCV>

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Special Education Professional Development

This page is helpful to educators working with students with disabilities. It contains PowerPoint Slideshows regarding specific disabilities as well as strategies for supporting students with disabilities to achieve success in the classroom.

<http://www.gybores.org/webpages/bricci/powerpoints.cfm>



Sesame Street is here for you with activities and tips for the challenges and joys along the way. Discover printables, videos, and more on topics to help the families you work with.

### Topics

Asthma, Autism, Caring for Kids, Caring & Sharing, Community Violence, Daily Routines, Divorce, Eating Well, Emergencies, Exploring Emotions, Family Homelessness, Financial Education, Grief, Handling Tantrums, Health & Hygiene, Incarceration, Language, Learning Through Play, Literacy, Math, Milestones, Moving Our Bodies, Offering Comfort, Resilience, Science, Self-Care, Traumatic Experiences

<https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/topics/>



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FUN  
VERTICAL  
PLAY  
IDEAS

<https://goo.gl/REnWYG>

Head on over to read the Occupational Therapists Perspective on Working on a Vertical Surface.

<https://goo.gl/a40r8H>

They have loads of great information about Fine and Gross Motor Skills as well as tons of great activities to aid development.