

# News Notes

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



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Welcome Back! It is a brand new year with brand new opportunities. I am starting off this year with lots of prep ideas. I have included more blogs and more strategies from veteran teachers. I believe we all have great ideas and if you have one you want to share please send it to me and I'll include it in one of the newsletters.



This is an important topic to start off with at the beginning of the year. Teach your students the difference between tattling or telling. Usually we don't have a lot of problems with this in a special education

classroom but there is always one student, or group of students who breaks the mold.



## Rules, Routines, and Standards in Elementary and Secondary Grades Teaching Routines Save Time and Effort

A classroom routine is simply a well-rehearsed response to a teacher's directive. The alternative is usually noise, milling around, and time wasting on the part of students, as well as nagging on the part of the teacher.

This absolutely goes for a special education classroom as well. Don't assume your students or staff know what or how you want them to do things unless you communicate and practice. This is a great article to show the importance of teaching and practicing routines and expectations.

<https://goo.gl/jXQVdm>



## DELIGHTFULLY DEDICATED special education

### 8 STEPS TO CREATING AN INTERACTIVE PDF

<http://delightfullydedicatedsped.blogspot.com/>

This would be a great way to use your interactive boards., computers and ipads. As it turns out, it is pretty easy to do.

Here are 6 simple steps to creating a more engaging and fun calendar time:

<https://goo.gl/9oEp4E>

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## FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

# Using Google Drive to Collect Data for IEP Goals

WWW.TEACHINGSPECIALTHINKERS.COM

Be Proactive: Using Google Docs to Collect  
Data for IEP Goals! <https://goo.gl/ytxXKh>

## ALTERNATIVE AND AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION

# Communication Matters

MORE THAN JUST TALKING...

AAC E-Learning

A free, online resource from Communication Matters providing  
a comprehensive introduction to AAC.

Visit: <http://www.aacelearning.org.uk/>

## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://goo.gl/9rC6FJ>

<https://goo.gl/7D3q4A>

<http://www.kiddom.co/teach?pp=0>

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## EDUCATION WEEK WEBINARS

### Special Education Webinars

**Free professional development:** Browse *Education Week's* collection of webinars on special education. These virtual broadcasts address the achievement gap for students with disabilities and strategies to help them succeed in the classroom. All webinars are accessible for a limited time after the original live streaming date. Participation certificates are not provided, but viewers receive a post-event confirmation email. <http://www.edweek.org/ew/webinars/special-education-webinars.html>

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Here is a useful Blog. Jenn has some great ideas.

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

### 10 Prep Materials EVERY Special Education Teacher Needs!

1. Laminator:
2. Paper Cutter:
3. Ziploc Bags:
4. HP Instant Ink Printer:
5. Astrobrights:
6. File Folders:
7. Duct Tape/ Clear Packing Tape:
8. Spring Loaded Scissors:
9. Binders
10. Velcro!

[10 Reasons Why I Love My Teaching Job](#)