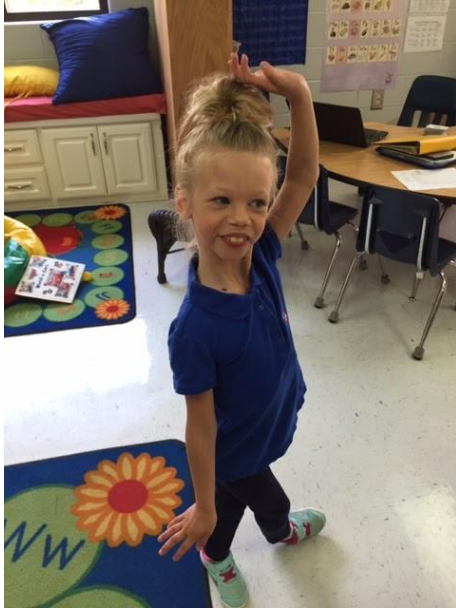


Special Ed Teacher and Speech Language Pathologist Collaborating and Creating Learning Units





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- ❖ 1997 Winthrop University, Bachelor of Science in Special Education
- ❖ 2009 Brenau University, Masters Degree in Special Education
- ❖ Autism Academy, Piedmont College 3 year course certification
- ❖ Middle School and Elementary School experience
- ❖ Special Olympics Volunteer Coordinator - Region 5
- ❖ 2016 Jefferson City School System Teacher of the Year



Mandy Mizenis - Speech-Language Pathologist

- ❖ 1996 Centenary College of Louisiana, Bachelor of Science in Applied Sciences
- ❖ 1998 Louisiana State University, Master's Degree in Communication Disorders
- ❖ Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC-SLP) - American Speech-Language Hearing Association
- ❖ Georgia License Speech-Language Pathology
- ❖ Autism Academy, Piedmont College 3 year course certification
- ❖ School-Based Speech-Language Pathologist 18 years
- ❖ Experience with 3 year olds- High School, last 10 years with age 3 -2nd grade





TEAMWORK

EXCHANGE



SHARE



INSPIRATION

COLLABORATION

SUCCESS



ASSIST



TRUST



SUPPORT



10 years of collaboration with each other leads us to admit:

2 heads are better than 1



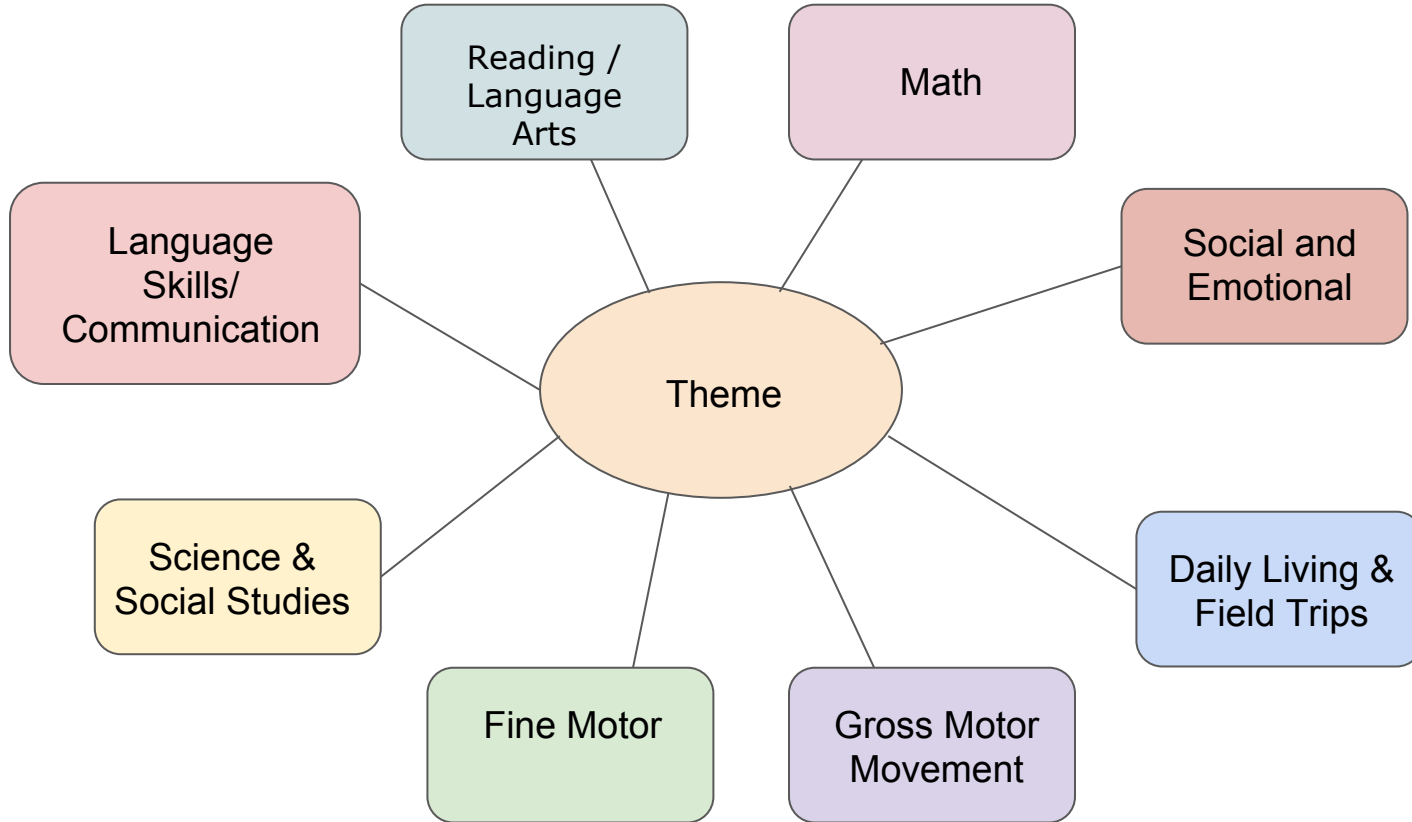
Who “shares a brain” with you?

Collaboration: Ways to make it happen when time is limited

- Text messages
- Emails
- Share google docs
- Share ideas on Pinterest
- Lunch
- Video Clips
- Take pictures with your phone
- Making time because it's **IMPORTANT!**

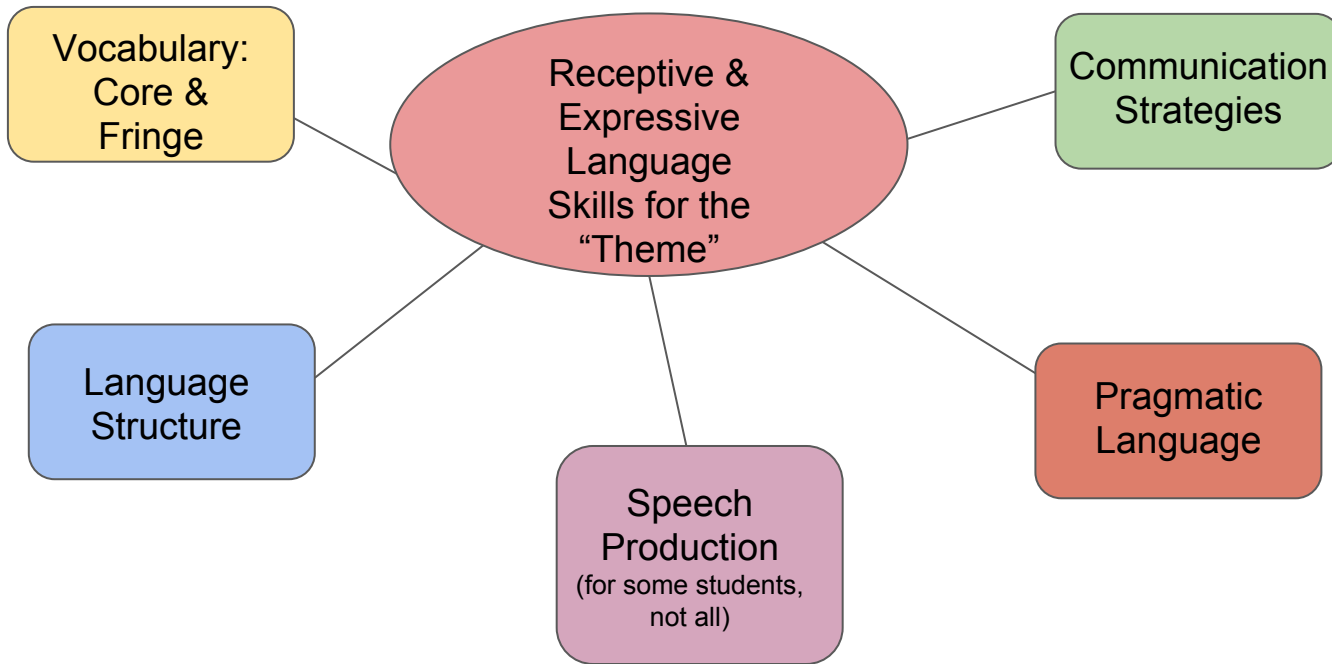


Planning Thematic Units



<i>Monthly Plan</i>	Language	Reading	Math	Science / Social Studies	Social Emotional	Daily Living Skills
Week 1	Introduce Language for the unit	Book with small object props	Counting & creating sets with thematic objects	Science: exploration with 5 senses	Self-awareness & Self-management	Read Adapted Cookbook
Week 2	Use the language to address IEP goals	Book with velcro pictures	Simple adding & subtracting with objects	Social Studies: Historical Figure or Event	Social Awareness	Read Cookbook Daily & Collect Supplies
Week 3	Use the language to address IEP goals	Book with small object props	Measurement: Length & Height	Science: Experiment & Record	Relationship Skills	Cook using the cookbook
Week 4	Use the language to address IEP goals	Book with velcro pictures	Measurement: Weight	Social Studies: Theme in current day	Responsible Decision Making	Write about Cooking / Field Trip

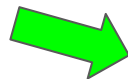
Language Skills/ Communication



Addressing Language Skills in All Settings

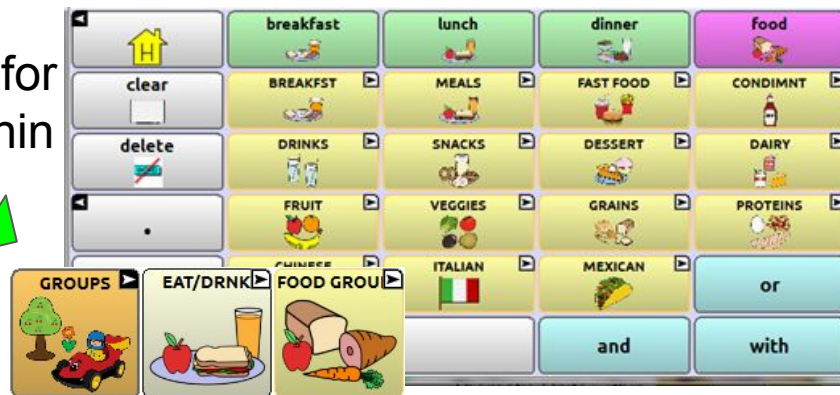
Use of Core Vocabulary on Individual Communication Devices with Opportunities for Practice Across Settings

Cannon, B.; Edmond, G. (April 2009) A Few Good Words Using Core Vocabulary to Support Nonverbal Students *The ASHA Leader*, April 2009, Vol. 14, 20-23.
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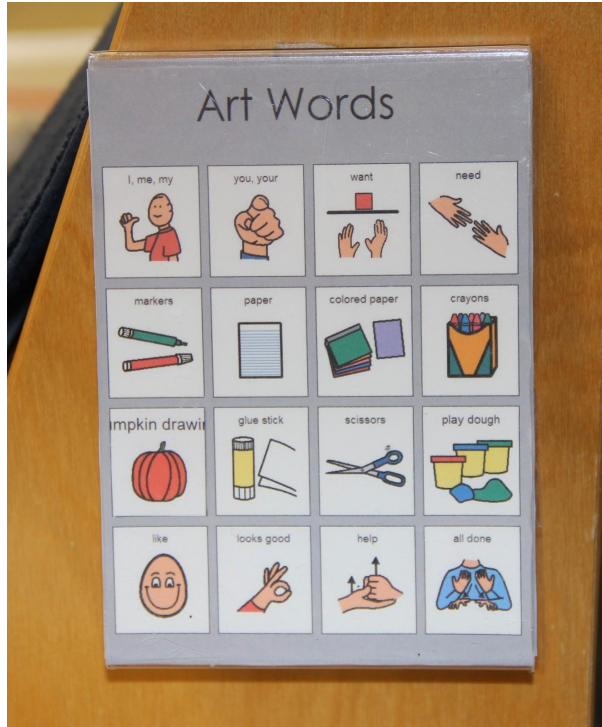


Pictures from Chat Editor showing the ChatPower30 Core Vocabulary with Symbol Sticks by Satillo Corporation <https://satillo.com>

Fringe Vocabulary for Thematic Units within Individual Communication Devices



Expressive Language: Alternatives to Speech

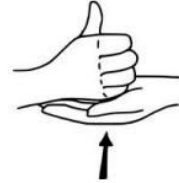


Communication Boards



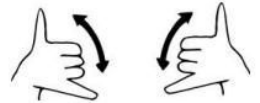
Augmentative & Alternative Communication Devices

eat / food bathroom



more

play



Sign Language

Addressing Language Within the Classroom



Big Mack Switch



Tech Talk

words from the unit
in student voices

Word Wall
in a pocket
chart



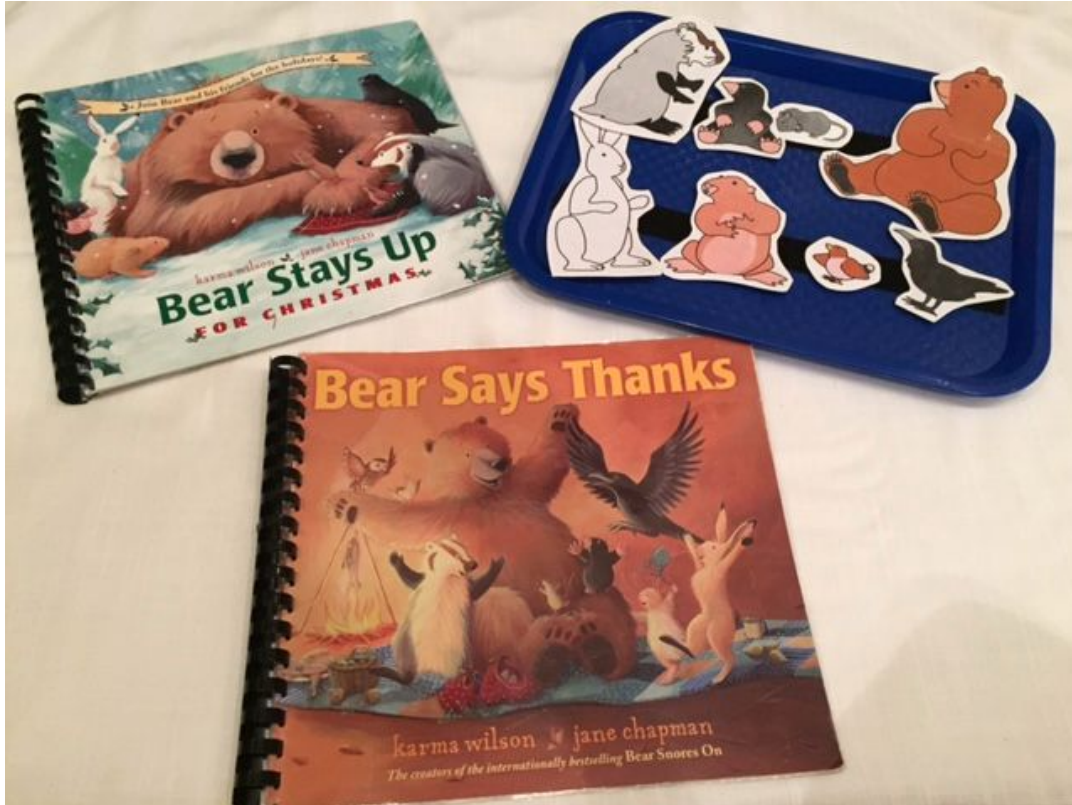
Reading Materials for Thematic Units



Facebook is a good place to ask for gently used donations!



Reading Materials for Thematic Units



Preserve Paperback Books

- *Cut off the spine
- *Laminate the pages
- *Bind the book

FREE Story Prop Pictures at

KiZCLUB

<http://www.kizclub.com/stories.htm>

Students can color the black and white pictures and glue to popsicle sticks to retell the story.

Reading Materials for Thematic Units

- Cut pictures from a 2nd copy of a book
- Glue to cardstock
- Laminate
- Add velcro

Source for 2nd book:
Goodwill stores



Reading Materials for Thematic Units



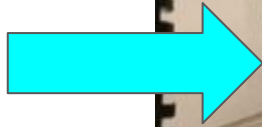
Story Props

- Sequencing during reading
- Retelling the story
- Comprehension questions after a read aloud

Math Materials for Thematic Units

Teach the text for the first week during small group time, going through each page with the students. After the first week, this book can be used as an independent station.

Sight words,
number words,
number
recognition and
counting are all
in this one
book.



Math Materials for Thematic Units

Small thematic objects for counting and making sets during math.

- ❑ Dollar Store holiday erasers
- ❑ Dollar Store small seasonal items



Science Materials for Thematic Units



Pumpkin Life Cycle



What's inside the pumpkin?

Does it SINK or FLOAT?



Social Studies Materials for Thematic Units

**Johnny Appleseed /
History of John
Chapman**



Rodeo
Learning to lasso with a real cowboy!



Community Helpers
pretending to be a
fireman



Social Emotional Learning

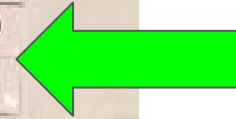
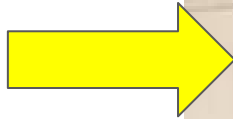
Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. **Source of definition & chart: www.casel.org

Social and Emotional Learning: Core Competencies and Elements



Social Emotional Materials for Thematic Units

Social
Stories



Explicit
instruction
on
appropriate
actions and
emotional
responses.

Social Emotional Materials for Thematic Units

Parent Connections and Support

Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention

[Backpack Series](#)

Addressing Behaviors

Emotions

Routines and Schedules

Social Skills

Print and send these free 1 page flyers home weekly in student folders!

Daily Living Skills Materials for Thematic Units



Using Cookbooks Within a Thematic Unit

Month	Theme	Book	Food
August	Friendship Getting Along with Others Working Together	<u>The Little Red Hen Makes Pizza</u> by Philemon E. Sturgis	Pizza
September	Apples	<u>Up, Up, Up, It's Apple Picking Time</u> by Jody Shapiro	Apple Pies Applesauce Apple Smiles
February	Valentine's Day Appropriate Greetings & Affection	<u>The Day It Rained Hearts</u> by Felicia Bond	Heart Toast Valentine Smore Mix
March	Dr. Seuss's Birthday & Rhyming	All of Dr. Seuss's books	Cat in the Hat Jello Cups Seussy Snack Mix
April	Earth Day / Recycling	<u>Biscuit's Earth Day Celebration</u> by Alyssa Capucilli	Earth Day Cookies



Pizza



Apple Pies



Applesauce

Fine Motor & Sensory Materials for Thematic Units

Thematic Sensory Tubs



Playdough Cutters



Gross Motor and Movement



Gross Motor and Movement with Thematic Units

FAVORITE YOUTUBE SOURCES FOR LEARNING SONGS

- ❑ Jack Hartmann - <https://www.youtube.com/user/JackHartmann>
- ❑ The Learning Station - <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheLearningStation>
- ❑ Harry Kindergarten - <https://www.youtube.com/user/HarryKindergarten>
- ❑ Toddler Fun Learning - <https://www.youtube.com/user/Toddlerfunlearning>
- ❑ Dream English Kids - <https://www.youtube.com/user/DreamEnglishKids>
- ❑ Barefoot Books - <https://www.youtube.com/user/barefootbooks>
- ❑ Super Simple Songs - <https://www.youtube.com/user/SuperSimpleSongs>
- ❑ Organic Learning - <https://www.youtube.com/user/SuperSimpleSongs>

FREE Resources

Printable Emergent Readers and MORE

- www.littlekinderwarriors.blogspot.com
- www.hubbardscupboard.org
- www.makinglearningfun.com
- www.playingwithwords365.com
- www.thisreadingmama.com
- www.spelloutloud.com
- www.royalbaloo.com
- <http://chapelhillsnippets.blogspot.com/p/free-materials-to-download-and-print.html>

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- <http://mrsminersmonkeybusiness.com>
- www.1plus1plus1equals1.com
- www.3dinosaurs.com
- www.candokinders.blogspot.com
- www.pocketfulofcenters.blogspot.com
- www.mrsthompsonstreasures.com
- <http://mommyspeechtherapy.com/>
- <http://www.themeasuredmom.com/print-2/>
- GREAT pictures for story props - organized by book:
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