

INCLUSION PRINCIPLES

INCLUSION STRATEGIES THAT WORK

Valuable and Applicable Things to Do in All Classrooms on a Daily Basis

1. Establish prior knowledge.
2. Preplan lessons with structured objectives, but also allow for inter/post planning.
3. Proceed from the simple to the complex by using discrete task analysis, which breaks up the learning into its parts.
4. Use a step-by-step approach, teaching in small bites, with much practice and repetition.
5. Reinforce abstract concepts with concrete examples, such as looking at a map while learning compass directions or walking around a neighborhood to read street signs.
6. Think about possible accommodations and modifications that might be needed such as using a digital recorder for notes, reducing the amount of spelling words, and having enrichment assignments prepared.
7. Incorporate sensory elements: visual, auditory, and kinesthetic ones, like writing letters in salt trays or creating acute, right, and obtuse angles with chopsticks.
8. Teach to strengths to help students compensate for weaknesses such as hopping to math facts, if a child loves to move about, but hates numbers.
9. Concentrate on individual children, not syndromes.
10. Provide opportunities for success to build self-esteem.
11. Give positives before negatives.
12. Use modeling with both teachers and peers.
13. Vary types of instruction and assessment, with multiple intelligences and cooperative learning.
14. Relate learning to children's lives using interest inventories.
15. Remember the basics such as teaching students proper hygiene, social skills, respecting others, effectively listening, or reading directions on a worksheet, in addition to the 3R's: Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic.
16. Establish a pleasant classroom environment that encourages students to ask questions and become actively involved in their learning.
17. Increase students' self-awareness of levels and progress.
18. Effectively communicate and collaborate with families, students and colleagues, while smiling; it's contagious 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊