Newsletter 5/22/2020

Dear Readers,

Having a child is the best!  Having a child who has struggles is still the best, but as a parent you worry.  You worry if they will receive the correct instruction for their learning difficulty or whatever your child is facing.  In each newsletter, I will highlight a struggle you may be having.  Please send in your concerns about your child and I can try to answer them here.

           Today’s topic is Autism.  As a teacher I had to work with this population. It is not only about academics, but you need to foster social-emotional skills too.   In my experience, this population of children are very smart academically, but with peer interactions, these children have a hard time understanding on the same level as another student.  I had a student who needed me to go to a different classroom to teach him higher math than his peers.  Most of the time he did get along with the other children, but there would be times where they couldn’t see eye- to- eye on a situation.

**Here is a tip you can do:**

If you are the classroom teacher or even the parent suggest the following method to help the children understand each other’s point -of- view.

* Pull the child away from the situation that you see is getting upset.
* Kneel down to the child’s level and see eye- to- eye with him or her.
* Calmly explain the situation at their understanding level.
* When the child explains back his/her thoughts, then tell him/her that everything will be ok.
* Re-explain how to deal with the situation with their friend.
* Repeat for the other children involved in the situation.

This tip needs to work on both sides of the situation.

Love,

Mrs. Sunshine

“Just Remember…close your eyes and dream…you will get there.”

Please send in any questions! [www.tmackbooks.com](http://www.tmackbooks.com) or [theresamackiewicz@gmail.com](theresamackiewicz%40gmail.com%C2%A0)