



Special Services Monthly Messages

"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."

Theodore Roosevelt

From the Director's Desk:

Welcome to the 2009-2010 edition of the Special Services Monthly Newsletter. The following is from the September 2008 newsletter and is an excerpt from the 2008 edition of LD Online.

Performance Inconsistency by Rich Lavoie

Once of the most common-but least understood-difficulties experienced by struggling students is performance inconsistency. Quite simply, their learning problems come and go. This inconsistency can be frustrating parents, teachers, and of course the students. A true test of our understanding does not lie in our reaction to their "bad days", but rather in our response to their "good days." Too often, when a child is having a good day, we punish him by saying, "Well I guess you really *can* do this work, when you put your mind to it!" We all need to make a commitment to provide sensitive support on their "bad days" and embrace, celebrate, and maximize their "good days."

I wish everyone a wonderful school year!



Preschool News

- I look forward to visiting our new 4 year old Integrated Preschool Program.
- Preschool Parent Focus Group-Meetings to be scheduled shortly.

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Friendly Reminders:

- © Please check the Special Services web site, periodically, for updates on workshops and seminars
- © Please call your child's case manager with any concerns or questions.
- © Special Education Services are available through Project Child Find ages 3-21, at 1-800-322-8174. Additional information can also be found at 973.887.2112 ext. 127
- © According to 6A:14-3.3 (b); interventions in the general education setting shall be provided to students exhibiting academic difficulties and shall be utilized, as appropriate prior to referring a student for an evaluation of eligibility for Special Education and Related Services.
- © Home Instruction Due to Temporary Illness or Injury:

If you anticipate that your child will be absent for a prolonged period of time (minimum of 2 weeks), please submit, to the Special Services Department, a written notification from your physician. A delay in this written notification could mean a delay in services.

Suggested Web Sites

- www.state.nj.us/njded/lrc
Learning Resource Library
- www.ncapd.org
National Coalition for Auditory Processing Disorders
- www.ldonline.org
Learning Disabilities