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Featured Infinitec Stops This Week

Tweaking the Four Block Model for Children with Autism and Severe Disabilities

Presented by Susan Norwell

In this four part video series, Susan Norwell explains the Four Block Model of Literacy Development and demonstrates its use to teach children with Autism and severe disabilities.

Part 1:

Susan describes at least three types of students who benefit from this type of instruction. She includes students who are non-verbal, those who are verbal with language and auditory processing issues, or children who are hyperlexic. Then Susan goes deeper into the self-selected reading block. She provides both an explanation and video demonstration of the strategies used to teach this block. **Running Time:** 65 minutes; **Learning Credits:** 1.25

Part 2:

Susan discusses the guided reading block. Once again, she provides strategies and goals for teaching in this model. She continues to provide video examples to illustrate her explanations. She demonstrates how to move from using voice output devices to reading silently. **Running Time:** 46 minutes; **Learning Credits:** 1.00

Part 3:

Susan discusses the roadblocks that these students often encounter before and during the writing experience. Then she provides multiple strategies to implement during writing instruction.

Part 4:

In the final video of this four part series, Susan, an educational specialist, discusses how to tweak the word study block of the four-block model for children with autism and severe disabilities. She reviews instructional methods for teaching phonemic and phonological



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awareness and sight word skills, and describes specific strategies to increase engagement and participation for students with significant needs. Susan provides various examples of activities through discussion and video demonstration, she includes material and web based resources.

Running Time: 50:15 minutes; **Learning Credits:** 1.00

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