

Susan Norwell Presents:

Literacy Assessment and Instruction for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

This full day workshop will provide information on assessing and teaching children with autism to read and write, as well as the opportunity for participants to create materials to use in their own instruction. Providing a brief overview of the Four Block Model, Ms. Norwell will lead participants through an overview of practical and functional literacy assessments that provide critical information for effective literacy instruction. The workshop will distinguish between three types of children with ASD and their unique reading needs. Students illustrated include children with hyperlexia and limited comprehension, children who are nonverbal and reading, and children with severe auditory processing and language issues who are verbal. Videos will be shown to illustrate key points and techniques. The day will conclude with participation in a choice activity of one of the following:

Option 1: ***Creation of an Adapted Book***. In this breakout, participants will create an adapted book entitled *The Supermarket* for beginning literacy students. In addition to receiving the original text, participants will receive a CD with downloadable activities, print-outs and words for support in using the book for literacy instruction.

Option 2: ***Portable Word Wall***. Participants will create a portable word wall. The word wall consists of a legal folder Velcro system of color coded words that can be used for evaluative and instructional purposes for beginning literacy students.

Option 3: ***Focus on Writing***. Participants will engage in an additional one hour presentation by Susan Norwell focusing on writing instruction for students with autism spectrum disorders.

The day guarantees that participants will leave with an abundance of new ideas and increased appreciation for the breadth of literacy instruction for students with ASD.

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