

VISUALLY NECESSARY

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AN INTERACTIVE VISUAL AID PROGRAM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN-ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS

STARTING KINDERGARTEN CAN BE OVERWHELMING FOR CHILDREN

- Young children are nervous about leaving their parent(s) and being in a new environment
- Meeting new friends
- Not being able to sleep well the night before
- No more naps
- A poor diet
- The child may not be able to hear the teacher properly

VISUAL AIDS ARE BENEFICIAL TO CHILDREN

- Story boards
- Picture books
- Puppets

WHAT IS VISUALLY NECESSARY TRAINING?

- VN training is using each child in the classroom as the visual aid.
 - The child that is the aid that week wears a bright colored shirt.
 - The classroom knows to watch the aid and listen to the teacher/staff.
 - The child acts out each instruction the teacher gives, similar to sign language but on a broader scale, ie; using the whole body rather than just your hands.
 - The verbal person can also use a cue card or story board and the child can act out the cues from the picture visuals.

WHO BENEFITS FROM VISUALLY NECESSARY TRAINING?

- Frustrated children
- General Ed children
- Special Needs children ie: ASD,ADD,ADHD
- Children on the spectrum learn quicker and have less anxiety when visuals are used to teach and train.
- Less peer pressure

HOW DO CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM VISUALLY NECESSARY TRAINING?

- The children feel less frustration
 - Being able to watch the aid and listen to the teacher at the same time
 - More bonding between the students equals less bullying
 - ASD, ADD and ADHD children are able to learn and have less meltdowns, therefore higher test scores in this category.

SCHOOL WIDE TRAINING

- Constant use of VN training means constantly trained and constant reinforcement.
 - Less frustration
 - Feeling more confident
 - With structure and constant use of VN means possibly less frazzled in the lunchroom, gym class and recess.

THE OUTCOME

- By middle school the students from Elementary school will know the VN program and will be able to reinforce visual and verbal learning when an issue arises.
- By high school my hope is that the program is no longer needed.
- Bullying is a term of the past, why? Because the students were made to help each other for 6 years prior to a higher level of learning.
 - Children with disorders are not as scary when you grow with them and care for them and a sense of teamwork and “family” is the norm.