



All You Need is APES!

Charting the Cs
Conference 2025:
*To Literacy and
Beyond*

Cooperation
Communication
Collaboration

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Who We Are...

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Outcomes for our session: APES is Where It's At!

Active Participation and Engagement for Students (with complex bodies and needs)



- Review the need for increased & intentional planning for ALL students to be active participants in meaningful & engaging learning experiences across their school day (a.k.a. The *What* and *Why* of APES).
- Unpack the two guiding principles influencing our work.
- Participate in a show and tell of materials that were created as part of this initiative.
- Reflect on our journey of creating materials and training staff.

Active Participation and Engagement for Students (with complex bodies and needs)

This work...

- Was sparked by repeated conversations thinking about and planning for our students with most significant needs.
- Was influenced by “Making Curriculum Active and Meaningful for Students with Complex Bodies and Needs” - Julie Marzano and Emily McCarthy
- Resulted in summer work that has continued into this year, including:
 - Creation of materials, training of staff, Charting the C’s, funding requests
 - Lots of brainstorming, more questions, more joy and more challenges

Guiding Principle #1

Help students become

PARTICIPATORS

not

SPECTATORS!



Barriers to Participation

BRAINSTORM TIME



Guiding Principle #2

If you can't make it
better....
make it matter!

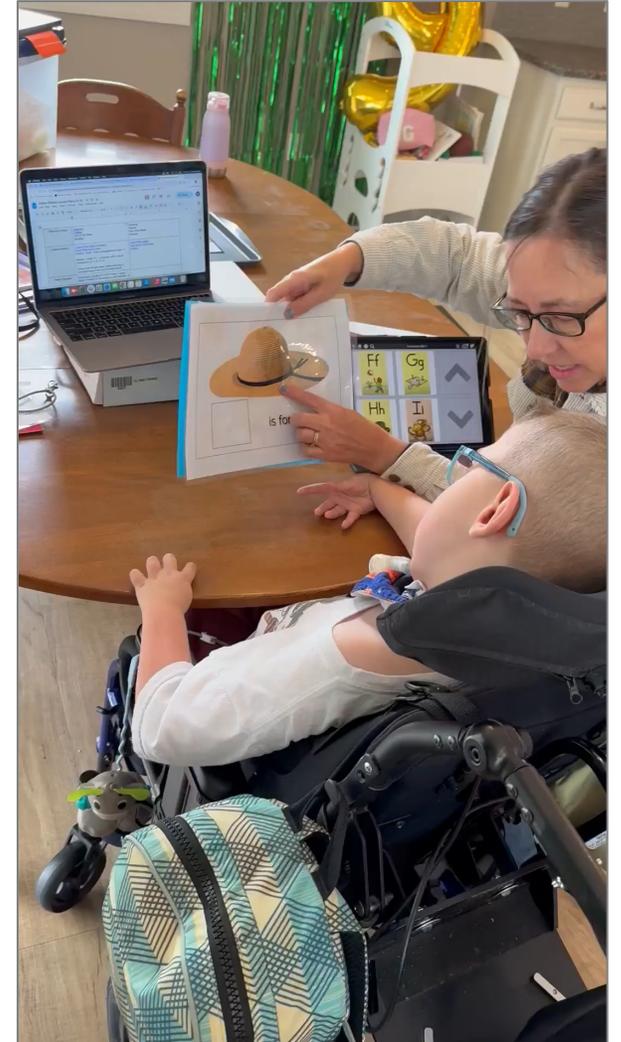


Examples in Action

Video 1 and 2:
Errorless
Learning ASD



- [Child] Donut.



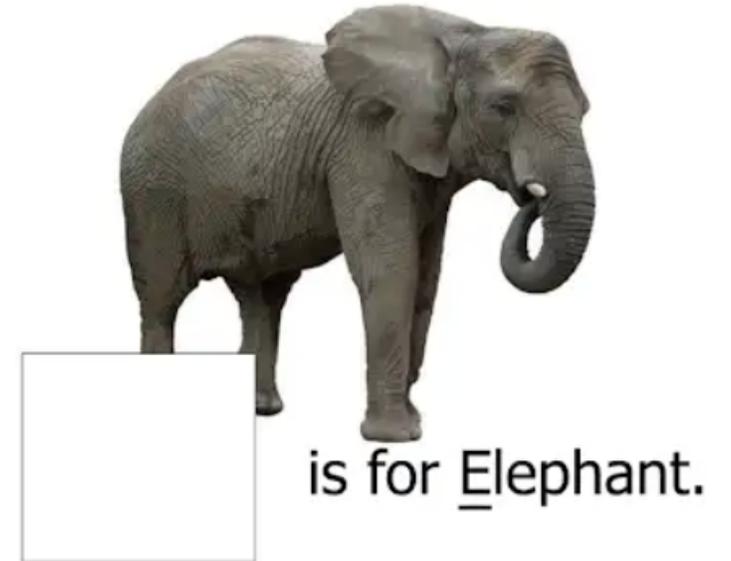
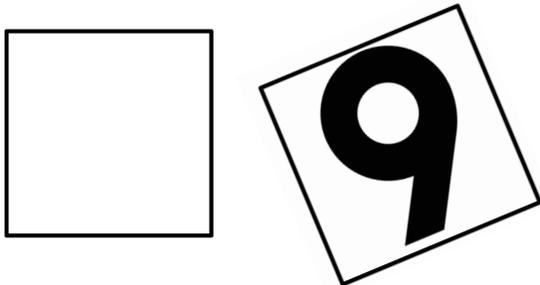
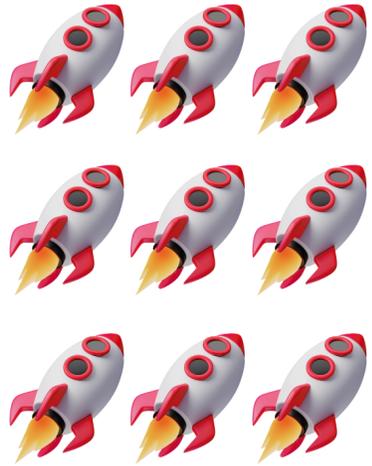
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Walter object



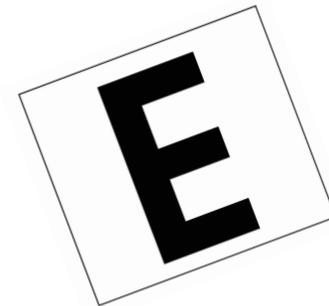
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Greeting
Spinner for
Charting the
C's.



Time for Show and Tell!



is for Elephant.



Station Time!!

It is time for you to explore some materials we brought for show and tell.

Feel free to ask questions and give examples of your own if you have them!

Reflections



Resources

[Errorless Learning Resources from Ginny and Kathy](https://shorturl.at/UBGez) (<https://shorturl.at/UBGez>)

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These resources will be available through May 30th, 2025, at which time the folder will no longer be available.

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Thank you!

Questions?

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