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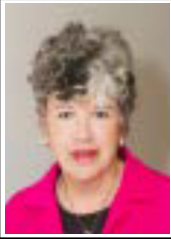







# **Supporting Parents and Caregivers of Students with High Needs During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Science / Social Studies / Current Events**

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# ***Supporting Parents and Caregivers of Students with High Needs During the COVID-19 Pandemic***

The information and resources included in this resource guide are organized into ten different topical categories:

- Getting Started;
- Communication Skills;
- Literacy;
- Math;
- Science, Social Studies, and Current Events;
- Physical Activity and Mobility;
- Life-Skills and Self-Help Skills;
- Art;
- Sensory Activities and Supports; and
- Play and Leisure.

## **[Resource Guide](#)**

## **[One-Pager](#)**

## **[Getting Started](#)**

- 1) Some Functional Tips
- 2) Self-Care for the Parent/Caregiver
- 3) Setting Up the Environment for Continued Educational Opportunities at Home

## **[Overview & Getting Started Webinar](#)**

- [Download the Presentation](#)

# Session Presenters & Goal



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## Session Goal

- ✓ Provide an overview of the ***Science, Social Studies, and Current Events*** section in the resource guide

<https://bit.ly/highneeds-scienceandss>

# Science / Social Studies / Current Events

## SCIENCE / SOCIAL STUDIES / CURRENT EVENTS SUPPORTS

Science, social studies, and current events are very important in all children's lives and education. They cover a wide range of what we understand, how we think, how we engage with another, as they connect to all areas of the curriculum. These skills build language, vocabulary, reading comprehension, critical thinking, problem solving, inquiry, and listening skills. Hearing about and awareness of current events help all of us, including your child, better understand and prepare for the world around us. They can open up communication between you and your child. Additionally, activities related to science, social studies, and current events can help fill the time in fun, meaningful ways. It is important to communicate with your child's school-based team. They can provide you with materials and can support you, as you engage your child in continued educational opportunities in science, social studies, and current events throughout your daily routine.

# Science / Social Studies / Current Events

## PUTTING SCIENCE / SOCIAL STUDIES / CURRENT EVENTS SUPPORTS INTO PRACTICE

- Gardening
- Cooking
- Games
- Virtual tours
- YouTube lessons
- Videos of your child doing activities



# Science / Social Studies / Current Events

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Science experiments, articles, videos and more](#)
- [A great way to describe how to teach science to young children](#)
- [Resources and strategies for teaching science to students with a variety of disabilities](#)
- [Visual recipes that are free to download](#) in addition to a Custom Recipe Creator to make visual recipes of your favorite home meals. It also has additional resources for using adaptive cooking tools and pre-cooking activities.
- [Online learning with Hands on science crafts and projects](#). Great for fine and gross motor practice as well.
- [K-6 grade level reading of articles for current events, science, social studies, etc.](#)
- [STEM topics for students with special needs](#)
- [Unique Learning System](#) and [News-2-U](#) are excellent resources for providing some curriculum materials for science, social studies and current events.

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