



Pacific Coast Speech Services, Inc.

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Happy Summer!

This is our Summer Newsletter Lite! We hope that you are enjoying some time off! We know that as speech pathologists we use our summer to think through ways to streamline our practice, grab some CEUs, and prep some new materials for the Fall. This edition is chock-full of our favorites - Enjoy!



Featured Free CEU Activities

Presence Learning is offering up to 15 hours of CEU training between now and August 10th for free! The speakers are excellent, and include Sarah Ward, Barry Prizant, and Temple Grandin. [Here's the link:](#) remember the challenge ends August 10th.



Featured Teacher Pay Teacher Products!

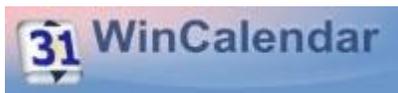
Who has time to assemble TPT products during the crush of the school year? Who would like some fresh new tools ready for the Fall, and is willing to do some summer assembly while binge watching The Bachelorette or Nashville?

Here are a couple of multi-use, low cost products that are highly recommended:

[Functional interactive book for question comprehension, categorization, and vocabulary](#) (\$7.00, most suitable for older elementary through high school students who are more severely impaired) Moderate prep time.

[Common Core Exit Tickets](#) Students pull a slip from "their can" as their "exit ticket" when completing their session. Slips have quick questions related to language and CCSS. (\$8.00, most suitable for elementary level) Reasonable preparation time.

[Articulation Sound Rings](#) Good summer project, as it takes time and a laminator to create, but what a great alternative for quick/independent rapid fire drill! (Up to \$15, any articulation student)



Featured FREE Organization Tools -

Quick and Easy Calendar! Most of us use an online calendar of some sort, but do you ever just need a simple calendar, not connected to anything, to record a schedule? [This site](#) creates quick, editable tools such as monthly calendars, summer schedules, and daily agendas. You can buy a license for more functionality, but the free calendar/agenda does everything we need!

Communication and Notification Tool

Remind is AWESOME! Basically, it is virtual texting from your phone to students, parents, or groups without revealing your phone number or knowing theirs. One of our high school SLPs uses Remind to call students to her office, or send them reminders. Clinicians serving pre-schoolers can communicate quickly with parents to cancel or reschedule sessions, or to send fun language expansion ideas. Remind is practical, quick, and effective, and can also be accessed from a computer. [The Remind home page](#) has a "see how it works" quick video right under the sign-up button.

Google Forms:

[Using Google Docs and Forms to Improve Efficiency](#) Are you ready to streamline your referral, IEP and transition planning processes? They have a free tutorial!



For CFs and Their Supervisors

[Creating a schedule of sessions can be overwhelming](#). Here's a wonderful step-by-step guide with editable templates.

Are you looking for a "[Master Document](#)" to organize your workflow? Road to Speech has created a seven page spreadsheet that is perfect for importing information, such as parent contacts and student IEP dates, from SEIS or another IEP management program. Her blog also has other organizational tips!

Pacific Coast Speech Services puts out a newsletter designed for Clinical Fellows and rising Clinical Fellows. If you would like to be included on this three part series, just hit reply on this newsletter or forward [this link](#) to your CF-to-be for enrollment!



CF 303-READY FOR LAUNCH?

Congratulations Graduates! By now, most of you have graduated, and a good portion of you are anxiously awaiting the start of your school-based contract. If you are continuing to seek your ideal clinical fellowship, consider revisiting the [clinical fellowship section of our website](#) for tips on the differences between agencies and districts, questions to ask regarding supervision, and a quick tips sheet answering the most common questions.

If you are all set, Congratulations! Relax, rest, and.....fill in your training gaps. Where are they? Supervisors, how can you help them fill these gaps?

Some of the our supervisor's most common reference recommendations for CF/RPE candidates are:

[*School Programs in Speech Language Pathology by](#)

[Jean Blosser](#) for eligibility/discharge criteria, guidelines for service provision and much more

*[School Aged Stuttering Therapy by Nina Reeves](#) for super practical methods and evaluation tips

*[Website and Products by Michelle Garcia Winner's Group](#) for functional evaluation and treatment of social skills issues

*[Pinterest Board of Lisa Varo](#) and other Pinterest SLPs for well organized practical information on a variety of topics.

*[ASHA'S Special Interest Group 16](#) for constant learning on school-based issues such as workload, data collection, management of less common cases, and lots more. Join the email daily digest for small bites of new information every day!

One last piece of advice: connection is EVERYTHING. If you connect with your students/parents, connect with your team members, and connect with your supervisor, the specific skills will come.

We know you are still learning. Show us you are listening, look for ways to show gratitude for our help, and the road will smooth out. If something feels "wrong," check with your supervisor. Stay calm - you will get there! There are thousands of other SLPs who have made it through this first challenge, and survived to have long and fantastic careers!



Jokes for Kids & Featured Laugh for SLPs

We know your favorite part of our newsletter is the kid jokes,

but did you know that you can get PCSS curated kid jokes on Twitter? Follow us on [@PCSSinSoCal](#) for a morning kid joke. Here are three of our recent favorites.

What do you give a lemon in distress? Lemon-ade!

Is there a hole in your shoe? There isn't? How did you get it on?

Why do you never see elephants hiding in a field? They are good at it!

Just for fun, a linguist created this video of [7 annoying teenage sounds](#). You can either watch and laugh at his delivery or try to guess the sound based on his phonological description.
