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Brrr! It's been a cold winter. We are ready for warm spring weather and flowers popping up. With that in mind, here are some practical resources that we hope you will find helpful. We hope to see you at CSHA!



Featured Conference: CSHA

Here is a [quick link to the convention registration](#). Online registration is scheduled to close Friday, February 24th. The facility is bigger this year, so [mail-in](#) and onsite registration will continue to be available.

Trick for future registrations: start a running list of speakers now! When we attend, we look for speakers who are engaging and practical, and ask others about speakers they chose. We mark stars on the convention program, and make a "master list" when we return home. It only takes a minute, and will pay off when you get next year's program. This year, we are especially excited to hear Greg Loh (EBP), Edythe Strand (apraxia), Francine Wenhardt (conflict management) and Judy Hale (basics of survival for new school based SLPs). CSHA's quality is always excellent.

If you would [like to meet us at CSHA](#), we'll be conducting informational interviews. Contact Louise Valente, lvalente@epcss.net.



Featured Goldmine: Apps List by GOAL and List of Free Apps



Kudos to Angela Moorad, MS, CCC-SLP, at OmazingKids for creating an apps list by goals! Updated on 2/17/2017, there is a subsection for apps that are always free, and a step-by-step guide for SLPs and parents on how to temporarily disable the home button so that a child will stay in the app that you have selected. Thanks Angela! [Here's the blog entry and list.](#)



Featured Reinforcement App: Amaziograph

We have never seen an art app “grab” students like [Amaziograph](#), especially older students. Draw on the template with a stylus or finger, mix colors intuitively, and watch a symmetrical drawing appear. It's a wonderful way to reinforce fine motor skills, turn taking, problem solving, expressive language, and creativity! Only available for the iPad at this time, just 99 cents!



Featured TPT Products: A “Curated List”

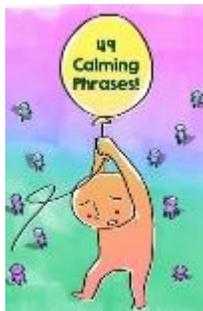
Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the options on Teachers Pay Teachers? One of my favorite SLPs shared a blog post titled "[Best of SLPs on TpT - 2017 Edition](#)." Fellow SLPs compiled the list (both buyers and sellers). It's a great introduction to some favorites, and is arranged by goal areas.



Featured Article: Student Transition

It's only February, but we know you are beginning to schedule IEPs with an eye toward transitioning your oldest students. Although [this](#)

[article](#) is directed to older elementary students, the same principles apply when transitioning to high school or college. It would be an excellent article to send home with registration packets/IEPs, or use in planning social skills lessons!



Featured Article: Behavior/Calming Tips

Do you have a student who becomes anxious at the challenges of social and academic learning? The [short phrases in this article](#) would help to avoid "brain overload" while providing gentle encouragement.



Jokes for Kids

Enjoy these recently Tweeted jokes! We know they are your favorite part of our newsletter. Did you know you can follow [PCSS on Twitter](#) for a weekly dose of jokes?

What do you call a lazy toy?

An in-action figure!

What kind of birds stick to sweaters?

Vel-crows!

How do pigs talk?

In swine language!
