

Introducing VTips—Free Weekly Autism Resources for Educators

SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO, Oct. 11 – Educators no longer need to feel isolated in their quest to help children with autism succeed. Monarch Teaching Technologies, developer of award-winning VizZle® software, recently introduced VTips— weekly topical information that includes teaching tips and interactive learning activities. In addition, a few particularly hot topics in education for students with autism will also be explored in a series of free VTips webinars beginning Oct. 13.

“Special education teachers often feel isolated. We want them to realize they are not alone,” said Terry Murphy, CEO of Monarch Teaching Technologies. “VTips provide practical advice as well as a sense of collaboration among these teachers. We’re building a community of professionals supporting professionals in often challenging situations.”

This week’s issue of VTips, Socially Engaged Recreation, focuses on how educators can foster the early development of skills that children with autism will need as adults. VTips are posted weekly at www.monarchtt.com/news/.

The series’ first webinar, “5 Easy Ways to Generalize Any Skill,” will be hosted by Lauren Stafford, Director of Instructional Design at MTT and former special education teacher who has more than ten years of experience working with children with autism. Starting October 13 at 3 p.m. EST, Stafford will present practical ways to help students generalize information and skills across settings, a major challenge for most students with autism.

Based on research by a team from Children’s Hospital Boston/Harvard Medical School and educators at the Monarch Center for Autism, VizZle capitalizes on the stronger visual processing skills of children with autism and their inherent interest in multimedia. VizZle, short for “visual learning,” offers both the tools to create lessons and a shared library of thousands of visual lessons made by other users to teach both academics and activities of daily living. Currently in use at school districts in over 30 states, educators add to the library of lessons daily and share materials with peers and parents across the country.

For more information on VizZle, VTips or Monarch Teaching Technologies, visit www.monarchtt.com.

About Monarch Teaching Technologies

Based in Shaker Heights, Ohio, Monarch Teaching Technologies, Inc. (monarchtt.com) is committed to providing technology-enhanced solutions for more effective yet cost-efficient instruction for children with special learning needs. After a four-year R&D collaboration with researchers funded in part by NIH grants, the company introduced VizZle for the general market in 2009.

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