Academics and the Complex learner

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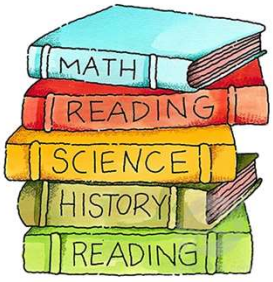

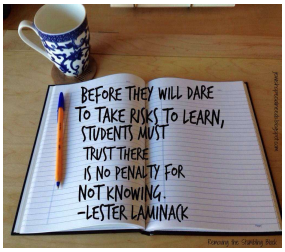

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What are the supports needed for our students with complex needs to be successful in their learning?

- Our students with complex needs require supports so that they can access their education.
- It is the input and the output that creates issues in learning
  - Because of symptoms, like apraxia, our loved ones with complex needs do need support in the input (examples below)
    - Soft questioning
    - Visual changes in the material (books-text on one page picture and text together on the next page
    - Frontloading-letting them know what their question or item is, letting them know what is going to happen next.
  - Because of expressive language issues, our loved ones with complex needs need support in the output (examples below)
    - soft tech
    - Choices
    - Partner Assisted Scanning (errorless in the beginning)
    - Processing time

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Supports help our loved ones with input and output.

- These supports are not maybe's, they are vital to our loved ones being successful.
- You will see our goals written with these supports in them
  - Regulated body
  - Proper positioning
  - Availability of both hi and soft tech
  - Partner assisted scanning (PAS)
  - Modeling

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Academic choices.....

Communication and literacy are non-negotiable

- If our loved ones are not taught to read and write, communication is more difficult.
- Math, Science, social studies all require reading and writing
- Focus on Reading, Writing and Communication

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Literacy

Literacy is not just about reading and writing

- Where do loved ones need to be literate
  - Communication is important for problem solving as it allows students to experience a variety of strategies and thought processes. Use journaling to allow students to learn how to justify solutions, explain and understand the steps of an algorithm, and to use mathematics vocabulary appropriately.
  - Looking at the language of what they are being expected to learn

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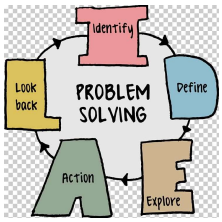
- What background knowledge do our loved ones have?
- How do we support our students being literate in other ways?
- It all ties back to communication



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Academics and complex needs

- Supports are necessary for them to show what they know
- Both input and output are affected
- Literacy and communication are non-negotiable
  - Many ways we can be literate
  - Help build background knowledge.
- There is more to academics than drill and testing
- Being able to communicate what they have learned is so important and empowering

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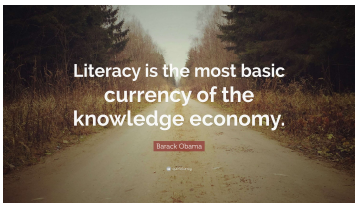
If there are any subjects or ideas we have not cov. ered, let us know. We are here to support



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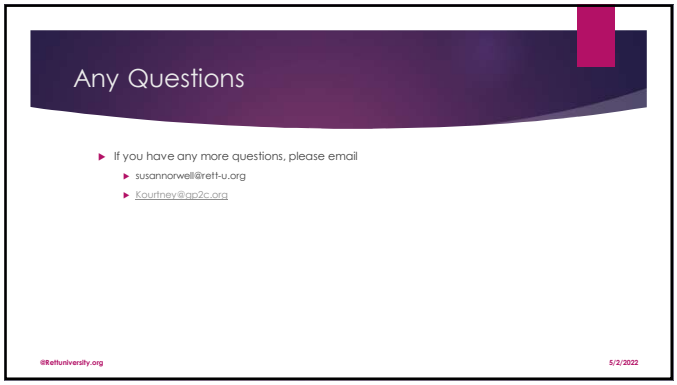
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