

Resources from today's MeetUp: 2/13/19

Islands of Brilliance



Islands of Brilliance (IOB) utilizes project-based learning experiences developed specifically for children and young adults on the autism spectrum which allows our students to grow their intrinsic capabilities and practice communication, increasing their likelihood of independence as adults. IOB design workshops create a space for students to explore creativity through the use of technology, during which they learn technical skills and grow confidence in critical social and peer-to-peer interactions.

<http://islandsofbrilliance.org/>

The Design Approach: Stanford d.school

Stanford d.school builds on methods from across the field of design to create learning experiences that help people unlock their creative potential and apply it to the world. Design can be applied to all kinds of problems. But, just like humans, problems are often messy and complex—and need to be tackled with some serious creative thinking.



<https://dschool.stanford.edu/>, K12 Lab: <https://dschool.stanford.edu/programs/k12-lab-network>

Sensory Projects for Children with Autism



Sensory processing refers to the way the nervous system receives messages from the senses and turns them into motor and behavioral responses. The following Sensory Art Projects may work well for students on the autism spectrum:

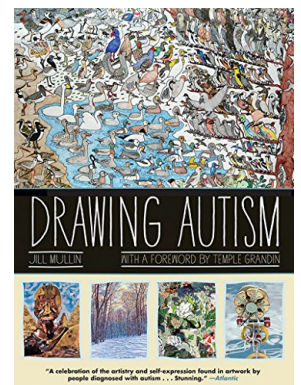
- Edible Play Doh
- Bubble Wrap Painting
- Latex-Glove Finger Painting
- Black Light Painting
- Sand Art Projects
- Sparkly Slime

<https://achievementcenteroftexas.org/2017/09/01/sensory-art-projects-autism/>

Books!

Margaret Fairbanks of IOB made these recommendations:

- Ten Things Every Child With Autism Wishes You Knew - <https://handsinautism.iupui.edu/pdf/tenthingschild.pdf>
- Behavior Solutions for the Inclusive Classroom - <https://www.behaviordevelopmentsolutions.com/behavior-solutions-for-the-inclusive-classroom>
- Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's – link to Teacher's Guide: <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/156298/look-me-in-the-eye-by-john-elder-robison/9780307396181/teachers-guide/>
- Building Sensory Friendly Classrooms - <https://www.fhautism.com/shop/building-sensory-friendly-classrooms-to-support-children-with-challenging-behaviors/>



And we found this one: Drawing Autism –

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/news/drawing-autism-inside-minds-artists-spectrum>