

# Special Education



## Franklin County

Cindy Cassady, the Moderate to Severe Disabilities teacher at Franklin County High School, would like to share about the work she and her team are doing to promote social skills learning during virtual learning times for the 2020-2021 school year. During the Covid-19 pandemic, Mrs. Cassady quickly discovered that her data showed her students were falling behind in their social skills especially in the areas of missing their friends and that the students were desperate for interaction.

Research shows that positive relationships are pertinent to everyone, especially persons with disabilities. Research has also proven that persons with disabilities have a much higher quality of life when they are able to maintain positive interactions with disabled and non-disabled peers. Mrs. Cassady began brainstorming after a student's emotional response on a Google meet, where the student was crying and concerned about being at home away from her friends. At the same time, a parent voiced her concerns over her student being at home without social interactions with peers. These two situations inspired Mrs. Cassady to create a new Google classroom for the movie nights.

Each week Mrs. Cassady and her team pick a movie- preferably one that represents one of the targeted social skills through the Employability and Foundational Academic Skills for Alternate Assessment (EFAS-AA)/(i.e. Making change, acceptance, getting along with others, etc.).

Below is a list of the movies and activities chosen thus far in Mrs. Cassady's project with her class (not shown are Elf, Christmas Chronicles and Polar Express). Mrs. Cassady and her team worked with families to ensure they had the correct supplies to participate each week:

### **Week 1 Movie: Scrooge**

- Skill: Making Change

- Activity: Scrooge sort
- Supplies: Sandwich bag- microwave popcorn and candy bar and ticket



Movie ticket: Made on Canva (just change dates accordingly)

### Week 2 Movie: The Grinch Who Stole Christmas (Jim Carey)

- Skill: Making Change
- Activity: Making an ornament
- Supplies Needed:
  - Sandwich bag
  - Red ornament
  - Four cotton balls
  - Plastic heart
  - Glue
  - Popcorn/candy/ movie ticket

# GRINCH ORNAMENT

**Supplies**

- ornament
- cotton balls
- glue
- heart
- hanger

-  1.  2.  3.
-  4.  5.

Glue cotton balls to top of ornament

Glue heart on center of ornament

Place string in one end of hook and bend



Please celebrate the wonderful work Mrs. Cassady is doing to promote social skills instruction for her students at Franklin County High School during virtual instruction.

## Special Education Cooperatives



## Early Childhood Regional Training Centers

