



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Define peer support as an effective curriculum modification method.
- Identify the qualities of supportive peers.
- Discuss specific peer support strategies.

8 TYPES OF CURRICULUM MODIFICATIONS

Environmental Support	Peer Support
Child Preferences	Adult Support
Materials Adaptation	Invisible Support
Special Equipment	Simplify the Activity

PEER SUPPORT

“ Utilizing peers to help children learn important objectives. ”

—Sandall, S., & Schwartz, I. (2008). Building blocks for teaching preschoolers with special needs. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Publishing.



QUALITIES OF SUPPORTIVE PEERS

Caring • Patient • Flexible • Talkative
 Playful • Positive • Affirming • Enthusiastic



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VIDEO: Supportive Peers

LEARNING ACTIVITY PEER PAIRING: PART 1

**LEARNING ACTIVITY
PEER SUPPORT**

PEER PAIRING

Meet for 10-15 minutes. You will share about the person in your classroom, activities or interests and discuss how to help. Students will be paired with a peer who is similar to them in some way. This will help them to understand each other better and support each other.

Student Name	Peer

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PEER SUPPORT STRATEGIES

INVITE A PEER TO...



Encourage



Model



Help

PEERS CAN **ENCOURAGE**



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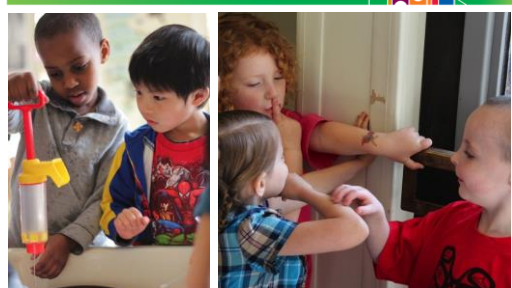
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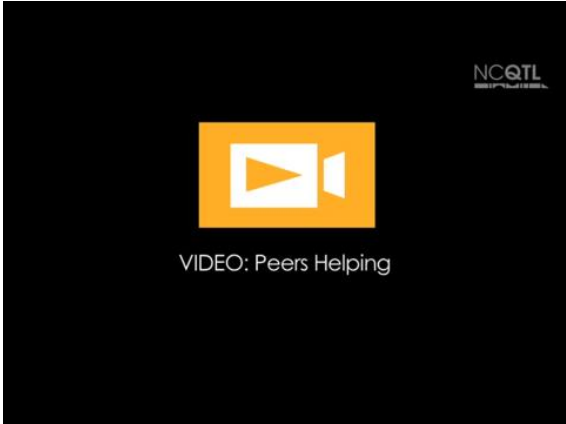
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PEERS CAN **MODEL**









SOCIAL ADJUSTMENTS

To promote participation:

Strategically select peer pairs, groupings, and seating arrangements.

Select materials that motivate shared play.

Design activities that promote social interactions.

SOCIAL ADJUSTMENTS GROUPINGS, MATERIALS, ACTIVITIES



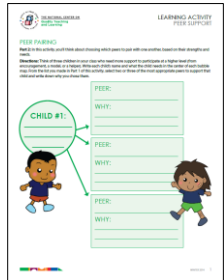
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LEARNING ACTIVITY
PEER PAIRING: PART 2



REVIEW

Curriculum modifications promote participation.

Peer support: Invite peers to...

- Encourage
- Model
- Help

Social adjustments foster peer support.



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