




AUTISM CLASSROOM RESOURCES PODCAST COVID 19 BONUS EPISODE

Welcome to the Autism Classroom Resources Podcast, the podcast for special educators who are looking for personal and professional development. I'm your host, Dr. Christine Reeve. For more than 20 years, I've worn lots of hats in special education, but my real love is helping special educators like you. This podcast will give you tips and ways to implement research based practices in a practical way in your classroom to make your job easier and more effective.

Hi, I'm Chris Reeve. Welcome to a bonus episode of the Autism Classroom Resources Podcast. I will have just a few announcements and thoughts I wanted to share and they really weren't something that would survive the test of time and really make up a whole episode. So, I just wanted to provide you with this little bonus, hopefully, some words of encouragement. I want to say to all the educators out there who turned on a dime and created distance learning where there was no distance learning before for a population for whom it's not easy if you're doing it in the best of times. I really want to thank you for all the time and the effort that you've put in. I also want to tell you that it's hard and we know it's hard and you need to give yourself credit for everything you've done and it's not going to be perfect.

Distance learning for students with significant disabilities in particular is not perfect when we do it with everything else in the world going right. With the backdrop of everything going on with COVID-19, it's... I don't even know how we keep our minds on what we're doing. So, don't forget to take care of yourself, to step away, and, to help with that, the wonderful folks at Teachers Pay Teachers have been trying to find a way to really help teachers get resources that they need, because we recognize there's a big shift. You're being asked to do this and many of your resources won't work in these situations. And so, Teachers Pay Teachers is having a site-wide sale, completely out of the blue, not a usual time. It'll be April 6th and 7th. It'll be up to 25% off everything on the site. So, sellers will be up to 20% off and then there'll be a promo code.

In addition, they are putting \$100,000 worth of gift cards in the hands of teachers. So, they are giving away \$10 gift cards to tons of teachers, and I will put the link for how you can apply for those or enter for those or whatever it is that they're doing. That means my store will be on sale for everything in it, as well as my Autism Classroom Resources Store. It's our way of just saying, "Thank you." I hope that we will continue to have thank yous that will support you along the way as well.



I wanted to take just a moment, as well, to thank everybody in health care and all of the health care workers' families who I recognize are not seeing their loved ones who are scared, who it's just really hard. If you are one of those families, please take time for yourself. Take care of yourself. Take care of your health care workers. What they're being asked to do is even harder than what educators are being asked to do, and we recognize that. So, just know that we're thinking of you. Our heart thanks you greatly. And if you are touched by COVID, if someone you know is, my thoughts go out to you and my prayers go out to you.

And finally, I just want to end with, there is a new blog post up, today, that goes over some resources for digital learning. So, there's some free resources, there's some paid resources, there's some ideas. The videos that I've made to share with families are there. I've just tried to centralize them all into one place, and I'll put that link in the show notes, as well. But I really want to thank all of the teachers for everything, for how much you care about your students, for how much you worry about your students, and to remind everybody that we will get through this and we will get through this together and we will come out on the other side. Please let me know if there's anything I can do to support you, and stay home, stay safe, and step away from the computer, occasionally, or step away from the phone, and make sure that you take care of yourselves and not just your families. Thanks, guys. I'll be back probably next week with a new podcast.