

## Getting There Together

Fall 2020

### Tips & Tricks to Virtual Learning

So now that virtual learning is now the new (temporary) reality for many of us, know that ABA Connections of PA is here to help! It's time to plan, not panic. With a few tweaks and fine-tuning, this upcoming school year will be a success. Here are some simple tips to help you and your children have the best school year yet:

- Set up a designated area. Have your child help pick things out such as fun and functional desk accessories.
- For the younger ones who may not be using a desk quite yet, still try and set up a visual boundary to help your child understand it's learning time. This will also help keep the child in view of the camera so your therapist can help you through the session. You can sit on top of a blanket or yoga mat.
- Have materials ready before logging on. Check in with your teacher/therapist to see if there is anything you can have prepared prior to learning.
- Keep learning materials in a designated area so your child knows where to find everything.
- Position table/desk to help minimize exposure to distractions. If this isn't possible, you can place a cardboard, tri fold partition around the computer/tablet.



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- Prior to learning, review the behavior expectations such as, stay in front of the camera. Check out our "Virtual Classroom Rules" printable @ [Teachers Pay Teachers](#)
  - Consider flexible seating options such as a chair with cushions, wobble seat and supporting the feet with a stool/box.
  - Might need to keep a few quiet fidgets on hand to help stay focused.
  - Make it sound fun. Present the learning time as a fun experience. If you say in a dreadful voice, "It's time for your Zoom session," then your child may inadvertently learn to dread their virtual learning time.
  - Hang up a daily schedule to help get into a routine. Check out our "Activity Schedule" printable @ [Teachers Pay Teachers](#)
  - Do not have your child transition from something really fun to a remote learning session. This may inadvertently teach your child that learning always makes fun stuff end.
  - After learning time, let your child choose what preferred activity they would like to do next.

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## ABA Connections & Teachers Pay Teachers

We are excited to announce that ABA Connections now has a Teachers Pay Teachers Store. Find worksheets, social stories, visual schedules, etc. to use during virtual learning and daily activities. Visit our Teachers Pay Teachers store today to download the free "Fall Color Matching" Worksheet and our other fall materials. We will continue to update our store with seasonal activities so be sure to follow us and visit our store regularly.

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## Mess-Free Sensory Fall Leaf Painting



Are you looking for a mess-free craft to do this fall? This Sensory Fall Leaf Painting Craft works on many different skills in a fun and creative way. It includes drawing/tracing, cutting and following directions. It also incorporates sensory input in a mess-free way. Have fun without getting messy! Don't forget to share your finished product on our Facebook and Instagram Pages!

### What You'll Need

- Black Cardstock or Construction Paper
  - Small Ziploc Bags
  - Paint (in Fall colors)
    - Tape

### How To:

1. Start by drawing a leaf template on your black cardstock or construction paper. Be creative, your leaves can look any way you like!
2. Cut the leaf out from the middle of your black paper. Be careful to leave the whole frame intact.
3. Squirt some paint into your Ziploc bag. The more paint you put in the more easily the colors will mix and the more tactile the experience will be.
4. Let the air out of your bag and zip it up. Tape the bag to your table. (You can add extra tape around the zip to help prevent leaks if you'd like.)
5. Tape your leaf frame over your Ziploc bag.

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6. Your kids can now squish and move the paint around to fill the leaf with your Fall colors.
  7. Share your finished artwork on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages or post using the hashtag #ABAConnectionsPA



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