



## Light It Up Blue Celebrate Autism Awareness Month

The whole month of April is Autism Awareness Month. How can you celebrate? Use #LIUB to share your experience across social media and help light the world up blue this April! For other great ideas to help celebrate Autism Awareness Month check out Pinterest, teachers paying teachers or autismspeaks.org.

### Many APPs are free this month

Because of Autism Awareness Month, many APPs **are FREE** this month.

People have downloaded over a thousand dollars' worth of free apps during the month of April. In honor of Autism Awareness Month all APPS on SmartAPPS for kids , Bridging Apps are free. Not to mention CRA does have a exclusive list of APPs both for Free and For Fee as posted in February 2019 CRA Memo.



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# OT Month

Throughout the month of April the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and CRA Therapy celebrates our wonderful professional OT's.

Click here for 11 Ideas to help celebrate



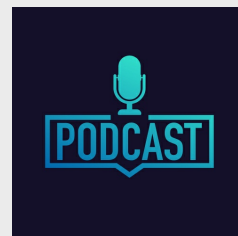
[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD I-SPY OT MONTH](#)

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD I-SPY SENSORY PROCESSING](#)

Growing Hands-On Kids is a free monthly subscription newsletter. They have created two FREE I-Spy printable packets that you can use throughout this month to celebrate Occupational Therapy and sensory processing.

I-Spy activities are great for working on visual perception skills, which is one of the many skills needed for handwriting.

"Need something to listen to while you are driving between schools?" Check out this podcast for OTs:



<https://www.otschoolhouse.com/>

## OccupationalTherapy.com

Remember as a CRA Provider you are entitled to a **free membership** of **occupationaltherapy.com** while you are working for CRA therapy. To get your login, simply email [cra.talent@commrehab.org](mailto:cra.talent@commrehab.org) to request.

**OTs.....Highlighted Courses that May Interest you!**

- Importance of Penmanship-Cursive Course # 3373

- Implementing RtI for School Based OT's and PT's: Supporting Struggling Learners  
Course #3814
- Collaborative Consultation: Supporting Students with Autism in the Classroom  
Course #4144
- Early Co-Regulation in Infants and young children  
Course #3946
- Interoception: The Hidden Sensory System  
Course #3932
- Foundations for School Readiness: Executive Functioning in the Classroom  
Course #3843



### **Specialized Instructional Services in the Schools Reminder**

SLP, OT , PT and SW services are based on need/s that should be discussed at every annual IEP meetings. Three easy things to remember:

- 1) The IEP **team** makes all decisions
- 2) Specialized Instructional Providers must provide the

EDT/IEP team with current data. Specialized Instructional Providers need to advocate with their data and professional judgment.

3) “Discontinuation criteria” should be discussed at every IEP so parents and team members are familiar with the expectations for discontinuation or dismissal of service.

When an Specialized Instructional Provider presents the topic of discontinuation or dismissal of service, it should not come as a surprise to the team or parent and documented data should support the recommendation/s.

Meet CRA's Carolee Dean, one of our SLP Telepractioners and famous young adult author.

Not only is Carolee busy daily being a school-based SLP teletherapist, but Carolee also has an ongoing blog and newsletter, is a national speaker and writes "award-winning" young adult novels. Carolee is also a Certified Academic Language Practitioner. She is currently working on a book with an educational publisher entitled, *Story Frames: Using Narratives to Improve Reading Comprehension, Writing, Executive Function Skills and More*. Watch for news and receive monthly resources by signing up for her newsletter at <http://caroleedeanbooks.blogspot.com>. Go to the CONTACT page to join. She may



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