



## **Learning Problems in the Classroom**

**How Teachers Can Help  
Special Needs Children**

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## **Learn About Learning Problems**

- **identify children with learning problems**
- **learn to communicate concerns to parents**
- **gain flexibility in teaching methods**

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### **Work Together with Parents and Therapists**

- Build a close relationship and good communication with parents and therapists
- Regularly share information
- Change goals and methods as needed

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### **Attitudes and Approaches for Success**

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### **Children Reflect Teacher's Attitudes**



- Disliking
- Name calling
- Giving up

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## Know You are the "Boss" and Don't Lose Control

- No nagging
- No whining
- No yelling



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## Each Child is Unique

- Look for what each child is good at and praise them daily
- Know areas of weakness, look for any improvement
- Equal is not always fair

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## Classroom Management

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- Post rules, schedules, and assignments
- Clear, enforceable rules
- Consistent routines
- Warn of schedule changes
- Communicate assignments in several ways
- Assignment book checked by teacher/ signed by parent

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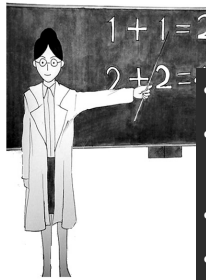
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### **Giving Directions**

- Verbally and written
- Get students' attention
- Step-by-step
- Short sentences
- Simple vocabulary

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### **Develop Non-verbal Cues to Manage Behaviour**

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**Seating arrangement for control**

- Easily distracted children close at hand
- Hyperactive children toward the edges

**Alternatives for hyperactive children**

- Stand to do work
- Do assignment at the board

**Alternatives for dyslexic children**

- Allow a faster student to be a partner and assist
- Check progress frequently

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**Teaching Methods that Help****Multi-sensory approach to all new material**

- hands on and whole body activities

**Teach organization**

- of work area
- of supplies/ books/ book bags
- color coding
- Keeping lists

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