

# BACK TO SCHOOL

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These literacy units are something I created and started using in my classroom. I had students with significant challenges and most were **non-readers**. This is a great way to expose all students to some great books.

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# Back to School Unit

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- Links and directions to digital activities
- PowerPoint (**this is the book in the lesson plan**)
- Voice recorded PowerPoint
- Activities in black and white

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*There are enough activities to last a full week of instruction.*

*All activities are in print and digital formats.*

# Back to School Lesson Plan

## Preparation

- Print out a vocabulary board for each student to use throughout unit
  - Laminate or place in page protector
- Book
  - Print out, laminate, and bind
  - Also available as a recorded PowerPoint and video in the directions for digital activities pdf
- Structured Walk cards
  - Print out a set of cards onto cardstock and laminate
  - Make one set for each student and one for the teacher to use
- Bingo cards
  - This unit comes with a set of Bingo cards.
  - They are in color and BW
  - Print on cardstock and laminate.
  - Suggestions for use included in unit.

## Teaching Tips

1. *Color Coding*: this is a r activity. Outline or colo the corresponding pictur task.
  - a. For more info, read <https://specialneedsf differentiation/>
  - b. I also have a blog p <https://specialneedsf 3-ways-easily-and-ef>
2. *Make you own copies o yesterday*. For that reas
  - a. I often complete the that I could use year
  - b. My copies were also more support or as : work.

## Day 2

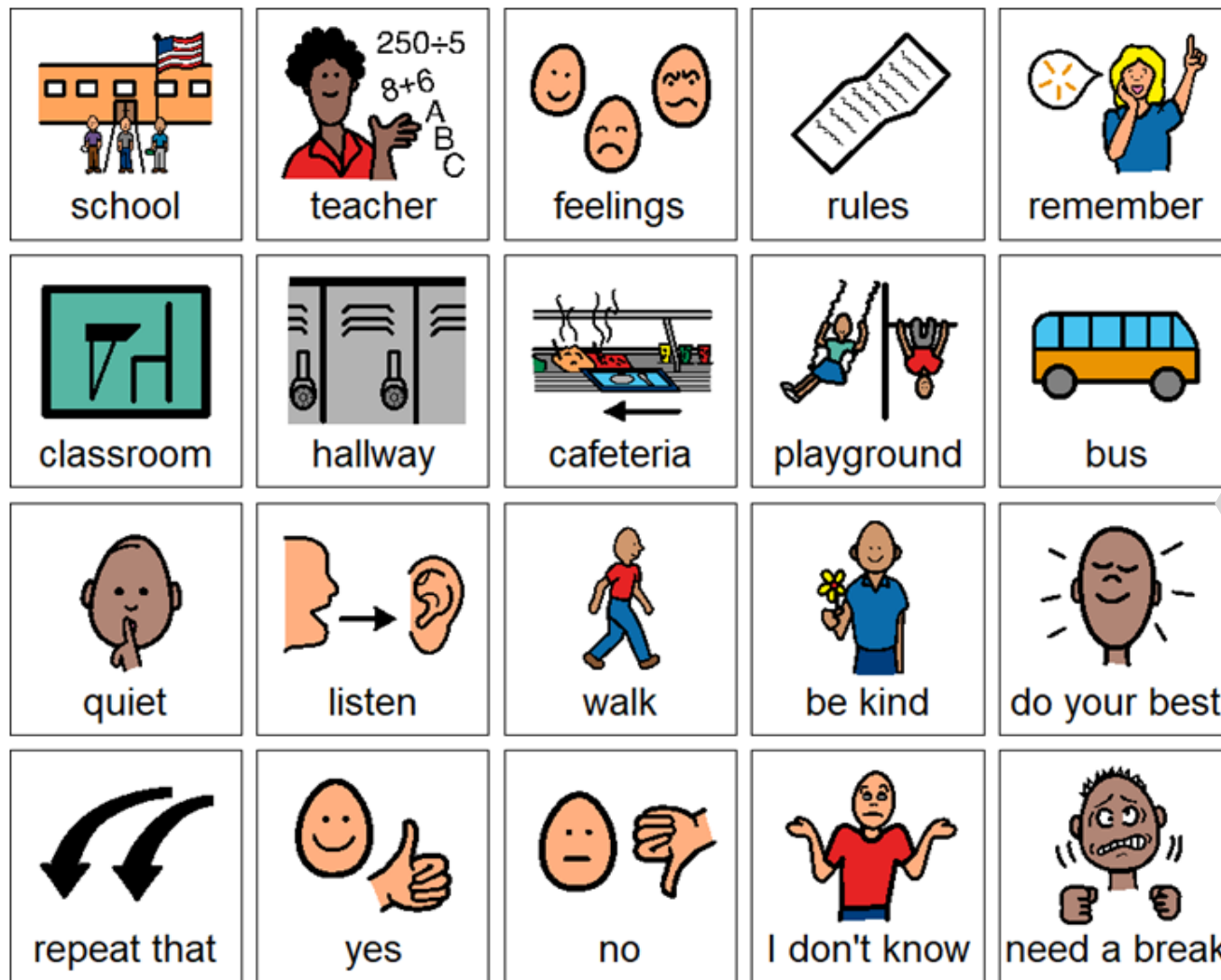
Activity	Notes	Materials
Read the book: <b>Welcome Back</b> (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read through the story, asking lots of questions</li> <li>• Continue to make connections between book and vocabulary board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book</li> <li>• Vocabulary board</li> </ul>
<b>Scavenger Hunt</b> with vocabulary board (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paste the symbols around the room</li> <li>• Students walk around with their vocabulary board looking for matching symbols</li> <li>• Place a sticky note on their board covering the symbols as they find them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocabulary board cut apart</li> <li>• tape</li> <li>• Vocabulary board</li> </ul>
Circle map review (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the circle map completed yesterday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circle map completed yesterday</li> </ul>
Sorting activity (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do the sorting activity that looks at behaviors that are good and not good choices</li> <li>• Add color-coding if needed</li> <li>• Make connections to the book as necessary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sorting activity</li> <li>• Scissors</li> <li>• Glue</li> </ul>
Sharing (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each student shares their finished activity with the group using the communication method of their choice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed activity</li> <li>• Communication devices</li> </ul>

## Quick Look

Day	Activity
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book</li> <li>• Vocab board activity</li> <li>• Circle map</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book</li> <li>• Vocab board activity</li> <li>• Sorting activity</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book</li> <li>• Structured walk</li> <li>• Writing prompt</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book</li> <li>• Structured walk</li> <li>• Circle map</li> </ul>

The lesson plans contain:

- Overall tips for teaching students with significant needs
- A quick look at what you will do each day
- Detailed instructions on how that day's lesson should run



*This unit comes with a vocabulary board.*

*Storyboards are great for ALL students to assist with participation and engagement in group discussions.*

*Tips on how to use in the unit!!*



It is very important to listen to the bus driver. They have a very important job to get us to and from school safely.

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I know I will make new friends.

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There are 2 books in this unit.

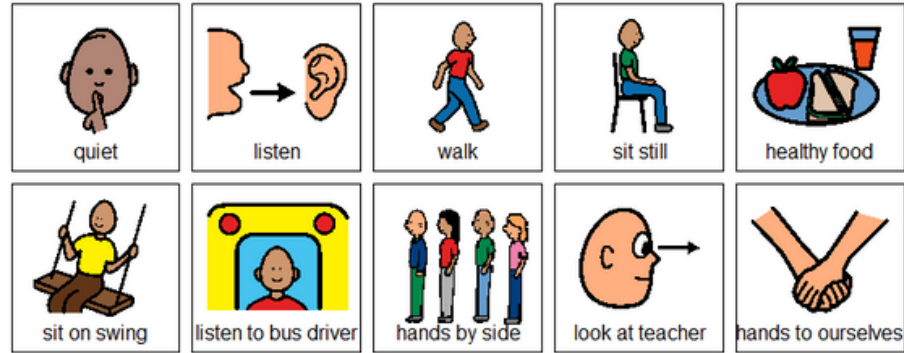
- Welcome Back (about school rules)
- It is going to be a GREAT year

Both books come in a PowerPoint format you can edit and an mp4 movie file.

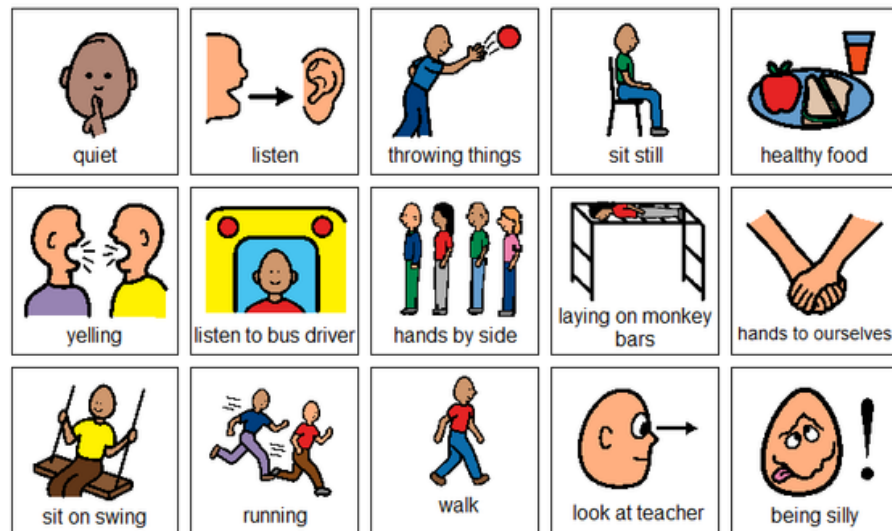
What are some things to remember as you head back to school?

Errorless version

Cut apart pictures and place in circle map about school rules.



Cut apart pictures and place in circle map **ONLY IF** they are examples of following the rules.

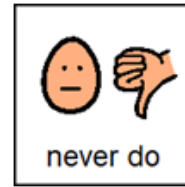
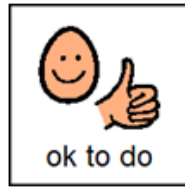


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# Activity #1

There is a circle map showing common school rules to follow. There is an option that only has correct answers and one that has wrong answers mixed in.

Think about the rules in your school. Which of the things on the next page are good choices and which are not?



<p>late</p>	<p>help others</p>	<p>fight</p>	<p>raise hand</p>	<p>don't listen</p>
<p>be mean</p>	<p>cry</p>	<p>tease</p>	<p>cheer loudly</p>	<p>fun</p>
<p>leave quietly</p>	<p>walk in hall</p>	<p>agree</p>	<p>early</p>	<p>be kind</p>
<p>laugh</p>	<p>talk fast</p>	<p>run in hall</p>	<p>rude</p>	<p>line up</p>

# Activity #2

There is a sorting activity looking at things that are ok and not ok in school.



# It's going to be a great year

This year is going to be .

I want to learn more about .

I want to learn how to .

This will be the year I finally get to .

I am so  !!

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# Activity #3

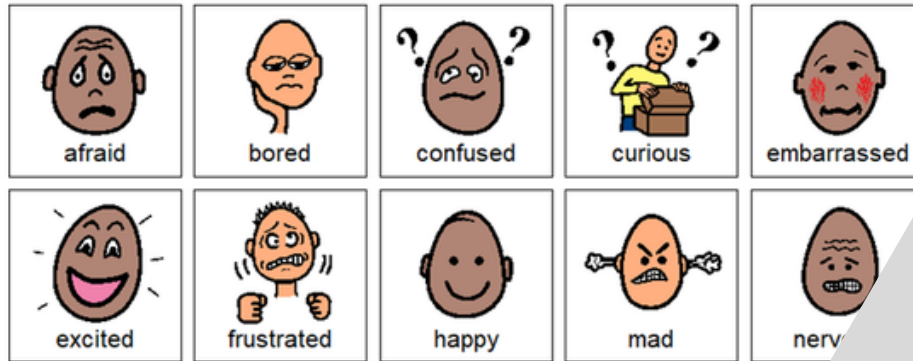
There is a writing prompt about why they think it will be a good year. This is an errorless activity and can be done more than once to write different stories.

amazing	great	the best	fun	good	wonderful
science	dinosaurs	history	the Earth	animals	
read	cook	sing	play an instrument	play a sport	solve a problem
ride the bus	be line leader	walk alone to class	be on the team	find a best friend	walk to school
important	a hard worker	a great student	the best	nice	happy

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How are you feeling about coming back to school?

Place the pictures in the circle map on previous page showing how you feel about coming back to school. If the feeling does not describe you, place it to the side.



# Activity #4

Students will complete another circle map about how they are feeling about coming back to school. This only has one version, and feelings they do not use are set aside.

# How I am feeling

I am going back to school. I feel .

I am excited to see my .

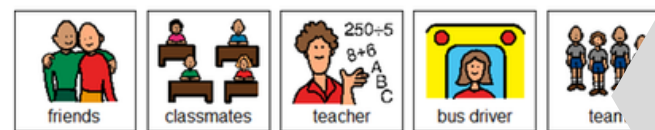
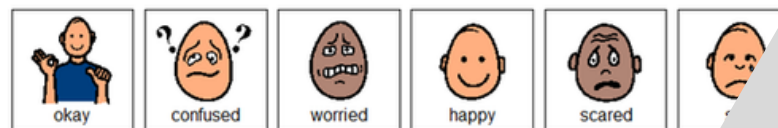
I am looking forward to going to the .

But, I will miss the time to .

For now, I am  and I know things will be okay.

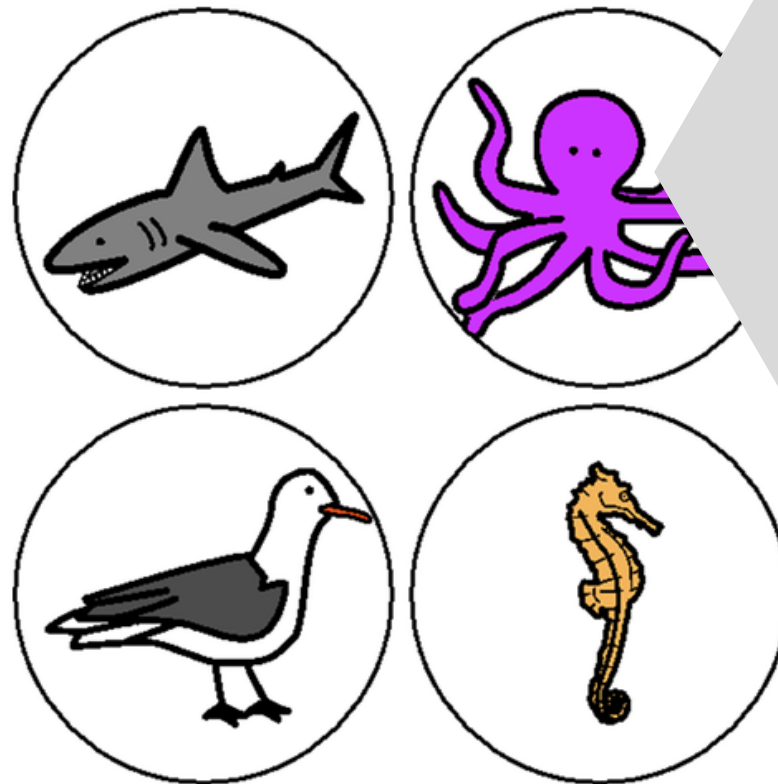
# Activity #5

Students will write about how they are feeling about coming back to school. Again, this is an errorless activity.



## Structured Picture Walks

- This strategy is great for students with disabilities because it has a clear purpose and a definitive end.
- I would use this structured walk every day for the first 2 weeks.
- Teacher preparation:
  - Make 2 copies of the pictures on page 3/4 on cardstock. Laminate for durability.
  - Place one set around the school in common locations your students will visit.
- Pass out the second set to the students, divided by ability level, i.e. some students can handle more than others.
- Explain the purpose of the walk is to find a picture that matches one they have while following the school rules.
- Once all the pictures have been matched, the walk is over.
- For some of my students, I made a matching template with blank circles. That way they could clearly see how many matches they needed and when the task was complete.
- For many students, anxiety arises when either:
  1. They do not know what is expected of them
  2. Don't know how long a task (especially one not preferred) will last
- This structure helps minimize that anxiety and makes the walk much more reinforcing.



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## Group Activity

Students will practice routines in the hallway and around the school using a structured walk.

Directions and materials are included.

# Bingo cards



- Included are 10 Bingo cards in color and 10 Bingo cards in BW.
- Place the cards in page protectors or laminate for long term use.
- **Calling cards are included.**
- This is a great way to practice the new vocabulary included in this unit.
- Cut apart a set of the vocabulary cards to use as the calling cards.
- Options:
  - Show students the picture for them to match
  - Read the definition and see if students can find the matching picture
  - Work as teams
  - Vary the "winning" patterns.
    - Cover all
    - Cover corners
    - Row across or down
    - Cover the edges
  - Vary the ways to mark the card
    - Place in page protector or lami
    - Stickers
    - Post-it notes
    - Dot markers

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pencil	crayons	notebook	bus	backpack
ruler	calculator	pen	paper	markers
glue stick	classroom	<b>FREE</b>	class	gym
art	math	reading	history	science
study	study	study	study	study

# Group Activity

There are 10 Bingo cards in color and black and white with directions for multiple ways to use them.

classroom	science
crayons	backpack

Calling cards included

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# Welcome Back!!



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Watch the  
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Rules

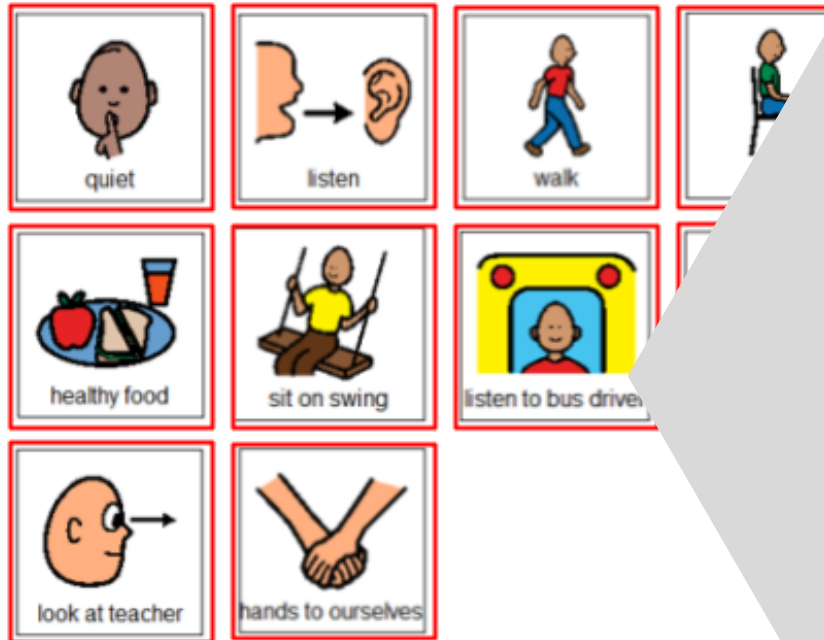
*This unit also contains digital  
versions of the activities.*

*There is a video of the books  
read aloud.*

**Great for review**



Place pictures in circle map about following school rules.



There are digital versions of the activities included. Students click and drag the answers.

# Perfect for all learning levels



Think about the rules in your school. Which of the things below are good choices and which are not? If you are not sure, leave it on this side.

walk in hall	be late	raise hand	help others
agree	arrive early	yell	be mean
cheer loudly	have fun	cry	talk quickly
laugh	be kind	run in hall	rude

There are 2 sets, one that includes differentiation shown here.

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*This resource comes in a zipped folder. You will need to unzip the folder to access all the contents which include:*

- *5 days of lesson plans*
- *Activities in color*
- *Activities in black and white*
- *Voice-recorded PowerPoint shows*
- *Welcome Back (PowerPoint) to use with activities*
- *This is going to be a GREAT year (PowerPoint) to use with activities*
- *Links and directions to digital activities*

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