

## What We're Reading

In this space the 2eNews.com crew will share links to pieces from other publications that our readers may find to be of interest.



- After **insensitive comments from India's prime minister**, this journalist shares "what living with a learning disability really looks like." Read the [iDiva.com](#) piece.
- A Maryland bill could allow students to have **coding classes count toward foreign language requirements**. [CBS Baltimore](#) explores the implications.
- His teachers called him stubborn, but this **learner with dyspraxia** "never truly understood an academic text." [The Guardian](#) shares his story. [The publication](#) also poses the question, "does having a **higher IQ than Einstein** guarantee success?"
- Autistic children in Iran are being segregated and **punished for having learning disabilities**, according to [Center for Human Rights in Iran](#).
- Does a Minnesota paperwork push amount to a **stealth attack on the rights of children** with disabilities? [The 74](#) examines the issue.
- Harsh classroom criticisms of twice-exceptional kids** can have a lasting impact. One teacher recalls his own experience as a child with then-undiagnosed ADD. [ADDitude](#) has the story. [ADDitude also reports](#) that "**neurofeedback works best** when paired with stimulant medication."
- Not all gifted kids display their gifts or talents early. Some are **late bloomers**. Gail Post at [Gifted Challenges](#) explores these cases.
- One parent argues for the **importance of mental health days** ("Why I let my teens take days off"). [Your Teen Magazine](#) has the story.
- A school on a farm outside New York City is **using animals to help special-needs children** learn. The [New York Times](#) profiles Green Chimneys.
- Movement and breathing breaks **can help students focus**, according to [Mind/Shift](#). The [site also reports](#) on the **science of sensitive kids** ("Is your child an orchid or a dandelion?").
- A Chinese school is taking heat for its plan to **use smart bracelets to record student health data**. [The Guardian](#) has the story.
- Kids can **do plenty with cardboard** and a STEM cart. [We Are Teachers](#) shares the results.
- Faced with poor results, a Colorado budget committee is **holding back \$33 million** in funding for struggling readers. [Chalkbeat](#) explains. The [site also reports](#) on the Tennessee governor's assertion that **public schools won't be harmed** by a voucher program.
- A **woman with autism has been admitted to Florida bar**, becoming the "first openly-autistic lawyer," according to her employer. [CBS News](#) reports on Haley Moss.
- An app designed to **assist those with learning disabilities** is headed to the U.K. following a strong launch. The [Copenhagen Post](#) profiles the app.
- Rockland County (N.Y.) is **launching a new program** to aid students with learning disabilities. See the [Rockland County Times](#) story.
- A Nashville **charter school is closing** after being ordered to reduce enrollment due to code violations. The school had been investigated for being in violation of laws regarding students with learning disabilities. [American School and University Magazine](#) covers the story on the New Vision school.

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