The Teacher's Tech Tips:
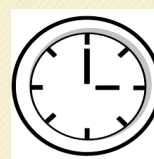## Working with ALL Students

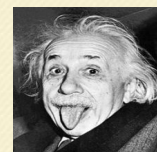**Tips for a Successful Inclusive Classroom:**

Use clear and concise language and visuals or written instructions when possible. Remember that the whole class benefits from visual reminders- we use them as adults too! Do you actually read the stop sign or just see a red octagon and know to stop? Try using a simple visual like the universal "no" symbol of a circle with a line through it to show when an area of the classroom or activity is closed.

Give "wait time" after asking a question or giving an instruction. This gives the student time to process the question and to form an answer.

Focus and build on what they are able to do rather than what they are unable to do. People who learn differently have contributed to our society and history in some amazing ways! Helen Keller, Temple Grandin, Albert Einstein, just to name a few!

Confidentiality and showing respect for a student goes a long way in building trust with them. Always use discretion when discussing their needs; have "private" meetings regarding behavior, etc. in a corner of the classroom away from other students.

People First Language... "A person is always a person first." This means that you say, "student with autism" rather than "autistic student"