

Title: Guest Speaker with Service Dog

Content Area: Mental and Emotional Health

NSCOS or Common Core Objectives:

5.MEH.1.1 - Implement Positive Stress Management Strategies

Rationale/Relationship to the text:

David has autism. Some service dogs are trained to assist people with autism. Teaching students that animals can be trained to help others is a way to get students more involved. It is also a good way to bring community members into the lessons and help students connect to the outside world!

Instructions/Procedures:

- Invite guest speaker with an autism service dog

Materials:

- Call Hickory Office for Highland Canine Training @ 704-309-6952
- invite guest speaker
- invite other classes to be audience
- building or area to house audience and speaker

Reference:

Lord, C. (2006). *Rules*. New York: Scholastic.

- <http://www.autismassistancedog.com/>
- <http://www.highlandcanine.com>