Everyday Speech

Case Study: A Social Communication Support and Services (SCSS) Teacher Perspective

SAVING TIME & PREVENTING TEACHER BURN OUT



Before discovering Everyday Speech, Maci Allee, a Social Communication Support and Services (SCSS) teacher at Leander Independent School District, faced the challenge of spending hours on lesson planning, having to search the internet for materials and content for social skills and social--emotional learning (SEL) lessons.

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I was having to plan out lessons, go and deep dive on the internet, YouTube and Teachers Pay Teachers to try and find different lessons. Then bundle it all together!

Spending hours trying to make a lesson that was just going to be over in one day, and then having to do it all over again tomorrow.

Preparing Quality Content without Spending Hours of Lesson Planning

When Maci first found that Everyday Speech she couldn't believe everything was all in one place. It provided a comprehensive solution that bundles up everything for educators.

"Everything's already bundled up. It's prepared for you and there's not just one lesson for one unit, there's several and then there's worksheets and there's videos and so on."

It has already prepared SEL lessons, including worksheets, videos, and other activities, which allows teachers to focus on teaching rather than planning lessons. Teachers can choose from various lessons, making it easier to match the needs of individual students.

Maci emphasizes that having everything bundled up in Everyday Speech saves time and just as importantly, energy, which has **enabled her to be more responsive to the needs of her students.**

"There's always something there that we can pull from and use. It is already planned out for us, which is awesome and saves us so much time. Now if there are serious situations that arise. We'll pull that really quickly. It's nice because if something like that does happen, there's already something in place for us to show the students."

Empowering Students with Interactive Role -Plays and Engaging Activities

One of the most significant advantages of Everyday Speech is the interactive role-plays, which allow students to practice what they have learned in a realistic scenario. This feature has been the most useful tool for Maci and has shown the most progress in her students.

"The students can listen to something all day but whenever they're able to physically do it and act it out, it sticks a little better and it's easier for them. The role plays have been the tool we use the most and see the most progress with



Witnessing the Real World Impact on Student Learning and Progress

Everyday Speech has also impacted Maci's students' lives in other ways. For instance, one of her students struggled with figurative language for three weeks, a challenging topic for many Autistic students with autism.

"We spent like three weeks on figurative language with one of my students. It's one of my favorite lessons and it's the hardest lesson to do, especially for students on the spectrum. He was just so frustrated because he couldn't get it and it was a hard time period."

Using the resources available in Everyday Speech, Maci was able to teach this lesson with ease, **allowing** the student to grasp the concept and get excited about it.

To see him understand it, grasp it, start to pick up on it, and get so excited about it was so surreal to witness.

It goes back to using Everyday Speech because honestly, that's a hard thing to teach.

Maci is confident that without Everyday Speech, teaching figurative language would have been too hard.

Making a World of Difference: Recommending Everyday Speech

Spending one to two hours on lesson planning and having to repeat the same process the next day is not only time consuming but also a very large energy drain. With Everyday Speech, Maci can choose a topic and deep dive into the resource library to find what she needs within minutes.

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It would be spending one to two hours on planning and then having to do the exact same thing the next day. That's just really hard.

We can simply pick a topic, then deep dive into Everyday Speech and find it within like 10 minutes and it's good to go. It's so easy and just right there in front of us and truly takes no time.

She highlights that this has made a significant difference and is already sharing the breakthrough with educators in different districts.

Maci recommends that all educators, should try Everyday Speech. **The comprehensive platform is a world of difference, providing high-quality content and saving time and energy.**

"With teachers or special education teachers, they don't realize how much time they spend on something. So if they would give Everyday Speech a chance, it would truly be a world of difference. You won't understand until you actually try it or you've looked at it. I can guarantee you it's gonna be a hundred percent of the return."