

Catch That Co-Teaching Spirit!

Stephanie Blaney and Jeanine McGovern have caught the co-teaching spirit! In their second year co-teaching together, the duo has found that shared responsibility for all students is key to their success. Stephanie and Jeanine believe that working with students equally not only allows them to get to know the strengths and needs of each student, but also “creates a sense of community that can not be replicated in the old pull-out model.” While they admit that meeting the needs of a diverse class can be challenging at times, these two teachers are fully committed to making inclusion work for all of the students in their classroom. They spend their common planning time discussing student data, planning for future lessons, reflecting on lessons, and problem solving when challenging behaviors arise. Stephanie and Jeanine make the most of their time by communicating regularly. They use email, binders with anecdotal notes, a common online plan book and grade book, and even text messages. Stephanie and Jeanine are looking forward to another great year!

