



# CROTCHED MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

## Getting Ahead and Gaining New Skills This Summer: *ESY for Your Students*

Summer is a great time for learning new skills or building upon current ones. This summer, take advantage of Crotched Mountain School's Extended School Year (ESY), aimed at improving everyone's classroom experience in the fall.

Because CM School is in session all year, ESY students matriculate into an existing classroom of their peers for generalization, socialization and learning. Our ESY is individualized and schedules are flexible to meet each student's IEP goals. And our therapeutic, recreational, and residential services are available to your students as needed. In addition to our offerings for Summer 2012, we also customize our summer ESY to meet your student's specific needs:

### Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC) Devices

When students can communicate, a whole new world opens up. Let us help your students break through communication barriers and get turned on to learning with the right AAC device. The speech-language pathologists (SLPs) and educators at CM School are experts in identifying and teaching students to master the latest technologies, apps and software from an iPad with Proloquo2Go to high-tech eye gaze technology and everything in-between. For maximum benefit, we can include a training component for educators and families to ensure that skills learned by the student carry over to all settings.

### AAC Evaluation and Recommendation

The keys to success for this service rest in three areas. First, classroom immersion allows children to work on academics, leisure skills and other daily activities while trialing devices. Second, our interdisciplinary support team of physical and occupational therapists, psychologists and educators work closely with SLPs during the evaluation and trial process to identify a device that best meets a student's learning styles as well as cognitive and physical strengths and weaknesses. And finally, we encourage school districts to send their student's paraprofessional to participate in the process, which can improve generalization of skills to the classroom in the fall.



### Mastering the AAC Device for Improved Learning

Even the most intuitive AAC systems, like iPads, have their complexities and can be challenging for everyone—students, teachers and parents alike—to master. Our SLPs are skilled in the latest AAC systems and apps, and work closely with most manufacturers. Let us help your students improve functional communication and language skills on their current AAC device this summer. They'll be excited to join your classroom in the fall and use their new found skills for learning.

