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### Featured Article:

#### **Disable Backspacing for Teaching Typing**

AVKO believes in building confidence and taking away the guilt associated with making mistakes. This applies for spelling and reading proficiency...and even for keyboarding. Therefore, AVKO has provided you with a way to help your students and children master keyboarding without relying on the backspace key to fix every little mistake they make while learning. Typing is a complex motor task that requires a lot of coordination; many mistakes will be made in the early stages of learning. In order to master the rhythm of typing and the locations of the keys, we have provided you with a resource on how to disable the Backspace function on your computer while your student learns typing.

Dear AVKO Subscriber:

Thank you for your continued interest in AVKO.

We are proud to announce a few additions to our website, including videos, workshop recordings, and new articles.

### **January's Book of the Month**

January's [Book of the Month](#) is [Get Outta My Face, Get Offa My Case](#), a book designed to teach anger management and self-monitoring through careful examination of speech, body language, and emotion. Receive a 10% discount on this book if you are not a [member](#) of the AVKO Educational Research Foundation or 32.5% if you are a member.

See the [Book of the Month](#) page for more information.

### **Video Clips of AVKO Videos Now Available**

Video clips of the two [AVKO Videos](#) are now available on the website in addition to the full videos. These clips are important sections of the videos that give you the gist of what the videos are about and show you some of the highlights. These are available in two different formats for your convenience, RMVB (a format playable by [RealPlayer](#) only) and AVI (a format playable by most popular players).

These video clips are especially nice for the media outlets that might be looking for a quick sample of what AVKO is all about. AVKO appreciates the forwarding of the Video Link to any media contacts that might be known to its members.

### **AVKO.org has Launched the Get Involved Section**

AVKO has launched the [Get Involved / Action](#) page on the AVKO.org website. See the page at: <http://avko.org/getinvolved.htm>

Here you will find information on how you can help yourself become a better tutor / teacher, help the community, and help AVKO achieve

[Read the PDF article.](#)

its goals.

Check back often to find out more ways that you can get involved.

### **Workshop Recordings Now Available**

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Another new multimedia offering is available for free on the website: [Mp3 recordings of AVKO workshops](#) presented by Don McCabe. Learn about creating your own Spelling program, phonics, the mechanics of English spelling, testing for dyslexia, and more!

These Mp3's are available for download on the website or can be requested on a CD.

[Handouts](#) from the most popular AVKO workshops are also available online (in PDF).

### **Other Useful AVKO Resources Highlighted**

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AVKO has expanded its [Readings for Comprehension](#) section of the website to include resources on [cultural](#) and [Biblical](#) proverbs. We have included online resources for these proverbs and potential lesson plans for which the proverbs can be used.

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