



Special Services Monthly Messages

*"Example isn't another way to teach,
it is the only way to teach". Albert Einstein*

From the Director's Desk:

School based Speech/Language Concerns: Specialists evaluate children in four areas of communication
1) **Articulation/Phonology** - Are children difficult to understand when compared to other children their age? They may:

- Substitute certain sounds for others
- Omit, distort or add sounds
- Sound unclear or difficult to understand
- Display weak oral/motor functions

2) **Fluency** - Do children have difficulty speaking with ease? They may:

- Avoid talking
- Seem tense when speaking
- Speak too quickly or slowly
- Hesitate, prolong or repeat sounds, syllables, words or phrases
- Make inappropriate facial expressions or gestures when speaking

3) **Voice** - Are children's voices appropriate for their age, gender or stature? They may:

- Speak in too high or low a pitch
- Speak too loudly or softly
- Sound as if he/she always has a cold
- Sound as if he/she speaks through his/her nose
- Often have a hoarse or harsh voice
- Run out of air when speaking
- Frequently lose his/her voice

4) **Language** - Do children have the signs of a language disorder? They may:

- Have trouble putting thoughts into words or understanding others
- Have trouble following directions, answering questions, solving problems
- Misuse grammar
- Speak in poorly constructed sentences
- Have limited vocabulary
- Find it hard to describe objects or events
- Have illogical or disorganized thoughts
- Have trouble with humor, inferences, idioms and multiple meaning words
- Have literacy limitations

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Friendly Reminders:

- ☺ Please check the Special Services web site, periodically, for updates on workshops and seminars
- ☺ Please call your child's case manager with any concerns or questions.
- ☺ Special Education Services are available through Project Child Find ages 3-21, at 1-800-322-8174. Additional information can also be found at 973.887.2112 ext. 127
- ☺ According to 6A:14-3.3 (b); interventions in the general education setting shall be provided to students exhibiting academic difficulties and shall be utilized, as appropriate prior to referring a student for an evaluation of eligibility for Special Education and Related Services.
- ☺ Home Instruction Due to Temporary Illness or Injury:

If you anticipate that your child will be absent for a prolonged period of time (minimum of 2 weeks), please submit, to the Special Services Department, a written notification from your physician. A delay in this written notification could mean a delay in services.

Suggested Web Sites

- CampParents.org
summer camp information
- Superduperinc.com/handouts
supplemental worksheets for home

Preschool News

Registration information for the 2010/2011 integrated preschool program will be available shortly.

