

Newsletter

Innovative Therapy Services

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Letter 1

*Expect the Best in Learning Speech,
Language and Social Communication*

August, 2011

MISSION

To teach meaningful, fun and well designed practical speech therapy

BELIEVE

We believe in respecting each child's individuality

RESULTS

We are responsible to our clients and their families in making sure they use the skills we teach in the community

EXPECTATIONS

We provide the best possible experiences to our clients through compassionate teaching



Thanks PPLP Campers
for a successful 2011

I am happy to be writing to thank



you for participating in SUMMER 2011 Social Skills Camp which ended two weeks ago. I set high goals for each summer to provide the children with the best experiences and services. What sets our camp apart from all other camps is the spirit of team work and the "I CAN DO IT" spirit of our campers.

This year our students learned that social skills are not just about social etiquette, but the spirit of working as a team by which friendships are formed. They learned that social skills are not just *what* we say to others, but *how* we say it. Our emotions are not just ours, but a feeling we all share. Our older students also raised their own field trip funds, hooray!! Thanks so much to all our volunteers. I am going to miss everyone. We have had an absolutely AMAZING AND FUN summer and are very sad to see it end.

We return to our regular schedule when our fall calendar begins on **Monday, August 29th.**

Just a reminder, we are now accepting registrations for

Our All For 3's Club Final Weeks!!

All 3's Tots Club



Ages: 18 months to 2 ½ years

Club Goals

Tiny Talkers

Gestures, signing, using words, listening

Monkey See Monkey Do

Imitation, joint attention, following directions, facial recognition

Body Actions

Referencing, social play, modeling

Limited to 3 kids

All 3's Penguins



Ages: 3 to 4+

Club Goals

Talking, Taking Turns

Conversations-chipper chatter, sharing, following, transitioning

Playing, Sharing

Imitation, joint attention, social independence, pretend play, problem solving, transitioning

Body Actions

Referencing, following

our All for 3's social skills group. This group is a streamlined social skills program that targets the three core areas of social-pragmatics: listening/body language, conversation and turn-taking.

Social Skill groups begin September 12, 2011 for 14 weeks.

Tiny Tots: (Wednesday) September 14 – December 14, 2011

Penguins: (Monday) September 12 – December 12, 2011

Sharks: (Wednesday) September 14 – December 14, 2011

Lions: (Friday) September 16 – December 16, 2011

Tweets: (Monday) September 12 – December 12, 2011

Back To School Tips

1. Help your child become familiar with the classroom by visiting the school ahead of time. Arrange with your school for your child to visit his new classroom prior to first day of school.
2. At home, orient your child to



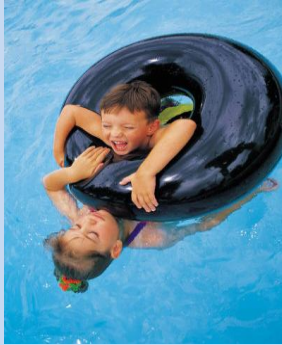
change of routine by playing scavenger hunt related to school/classroom for example they find pencil sharpener, books, etc.

3. For children with transitioning difficulties, start creating a consistent school-related schedule, two weeks prior to school starting.
4. If your child is nervous, have him/her write a letter about their interests/concerns to their teacher. For your younger child, have him/her draw pictures of things they liked about their previous classroom.

directions, modeling, social cues, body language

Limited to 3 kids

All 3's Sharks



Ages: 4 to 5

Club Goals

Talking, Taking Turns
Conversations-chipper chatter, sharing, following and taking leadership, transitioning

Playing, Sharing
Imitation, joint attention, social independence, pretend play, imagination, problem solving, transitioning

Body Actions
Referencing, following directions, modeling, social cues, body language

Limited to 3 kids

~Enrolling Now

“Facilitating inclusive school environments requires ensuring the opportunity for optimal learning and social experiences, and providing a nurturing climate.” *Journal for Exceptional Children*

Fall Season Tips

- Caring for others can cause stress, which lowers resistance to illness, so take time off for yourself. Schedule quiet time, such as a leisurely walk, about 10 -15 minutes daily.
- Remember sanitation is very important during the fall. Keep your children healthy by encouraging hygienic behaviors.
- Yay! September is Baby Safety month... Make sure your house grows with your child. If your little one has taken his first step, it's time to remove harmful items and cover electrical outlets. Remember to always keep an eye on your little one.
- September 13th is “Positive Thinking Day” so don't be afraid to celebrate by having an optimistic point of view. Remember with school starting, traffic congestion is often a HUGE problem in Silicon Valley, so deep breathing, and plan to leave your house 10 to 15 minutes earlier. When stuck in traffic play creative games with your kids like “Slug Bug”, “I spy” and the “Alphabet Game”.

Checkout our Calendar at
www.pediatricspeech.com for more event dates.

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