



September Updates

Aspire is selling t-shirts to raise money for our upcoming Free Little Library outreach. The t-shirts are available for \$20 each.

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Creating the Need to Talk

One of the most exciting times in a baby's development is when the parent begins to understand what baby is trying to say. This happens as jargon becomes interspersed with approximations of words. Once a parent, sibling or caregiver begins to understand some of baby's speech, it becomes easier to anticipate his/her needs, thus giving baby little reason to expand his/her experimentation with language.

If a baby points and says "uh, uh" and is immediately given what he wants, then there is little motivation to learn to say "car", "cookie" or to expand to "want cookie." Rather than using prompts like "say cookie" or "use your words", it is better to set us situations where a baby can experiment with language.

-Written by Jean Thompson

Read the full article at aspirepeech.com/blog

Educational Tips and Tricks: The Number Line

Does your child struggle with basic addition and subtraction? They may not have a clear picture or understanding of the number line.

- 1) Cut squares of paper, write each number from 1-20 or any sequence of numbers.
- 2) Lay them out on a surface and have your child practice putting the numbers in order.
- 3) Ask questions, such as "What number is bigger than 2? What number comes before 19? Is 15 on the right or left side of the number line?"

Orienting your child's mind to where in the line the numbers are located, and where they are in relation to each-other, will help with accuracy when performing additon or subtraction problems.



Aspire's staffs' favorite Ice-cream flavors, books, and movies!



Ke-Hsin Sneed, speech therapist - Favorite movie: Mission Impossible

Favorite Ice-cream flavor: chocolate

Shannon Johnson, speech therapist- Favorite book: The Time Travelers wife

Favorite Ice-cream flavor: Mint Chocolate chip

Andrea Sanchez, supervising client relationship specialist

Favorite book: The Hobbit

Favorite book: The Return of the King

Favorite Ice-cream flavor: Vanilla Bean

Govanna Carrion, academic enrichment tutor-

Favorite book: The Secret Garden

Favorite ice-cream flavor: Rocky Road

Charity Davis, academic program coordinator-

Favorite book: The Door Within

Favorite movie: The Dark Knight

Favorite ice-cream flavor: Tillamook Mudslide

Kathryn Wage, director and speech therapist-

Favorite movie: Oh Brother, Where art Thou?

Second favorite movie: My Octopus Teacher

Favorite ice-cream flavor: Jamocha Almond Fudge



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