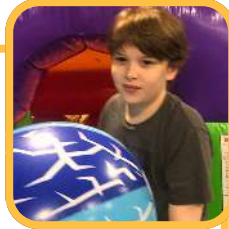




Spotlight Story



Meet Zealand Wells. He's been receiving services at Autism ETC - Nashville for just over two years.

Zealand was diagnosed with autism at 18 months old, but was successfully attending school with minimal issues until 2021, when he got COVID, and later strep throat. These illnesses changed his personality, causing him to become aggressive toward others. Since coming to AETC, Zealand has made tremendous progress, and has been able to integrate better into family life. Zealand has improved so much, he and his family are now able to attend church.

"Church is an important part of our lives but with Zealand's behavioral issues, it made it difficult to attend church," said mom, Nancy. "Now we are able to go for short periods of time which is an improvement. Zealand has improved and I have learned what are his triggers and I have the guidance I need to handle situations so that everyone is safe."

Nancy's advice to parents is, "Trust the individuals who are caring for your child at Autism ETC. They have nothing but the best intentions for your child. You don't need to worry. Your child will make progress."

Read the full story here: 

Calendar

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
1 Summer Maintenance: Yard	2 Summer Maintenance: Yard	3 Summer Maintenance: Yard	4 July 4th All Centers Closed	5 Summer Maintenance: Yard
8 Community Helpers Week 1 Maintenance: Pets	9 Community Helpers Week 1 Maintenance: Pets	10 Community Helpers Week 1 Maintenance: Pets	11 Community Helpers Week 1 Maintenance: Pets	12 Community Helpers Week 1 Maintenance: Pets
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Life Skills

This month, our life skills group will be learning about maintenance, social skills, and leisure time.

Week 1
7/1-7/5: Yard

Week 2
7/8-7/12: Pets

Week 3
7/15-7/19: Social Skills

Week 4
7/22-7/26: Leisure Time

Week 5
7/29/8/2: Alone time vs.
with others



Classroom Skills

Week 1: Summer

Letter: Vv Shape: Pentagon Color: Brown

Preschool: Anticipate next steps in familiar games and routines

School age: Retell stories, compose larger shapes from smaller shapes, going to front of classroom, rocks

Week 2: Community Helpers Week 1

Letter: Ww Shape: Octagon Color: Black

Preschool: Body part awareness

School age: Writing letters for letter sounds, position of shapes, raising hand to answer questions, trash and recycling

Week 3: Community Helpers Week 2

Letter: Xx Shape: Hexagon Color: Gray

Preschool: Responding to familiar requests

School age: Isolating/pronouncing CVC words, classifying/counting/comparing, using classroom materials as designed, rocks

Week 4: Construction

Letter: Yy Shape: Trapezoid Color: Silver

Preschool: Follow one-step directions

School age: Relationships between illustrations and text, patterns, obtaining materials for tasks when told what's needed, building

Week 5: Pets

Letter: Zz Shape: Star Color: Gold

Preschool: Listening to simple stories

School age: Identifying main topic, understanding number lines, returning materials to correct location, fish

Meet our new staff members!



Caila Hickey
Music Valley



Cody Riback
Music Valley



Lucy Hanley
Music Valley



Jazmine Moore
Harnett Court



Kajahna Thomas
Thunderbird



Nikki Williams
Professional Park



Arianna Reyes
Thunderbird



Nalyah Smith
Music Valley



Broc Berg
Thunderbird



Kim Quiroz
Broadmor



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Ashley Jolly
Professional Park



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Professional Park



Liana Brock
Harnett Court



Javen Rivers
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