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# **Spotlight Story**

This month's spotlight story focuses on the Palacio family, who attend our Glendale, Arizona location. All three of their sons, Nathaniel, Benjamin, and Ezekiel, have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.



Nathaniel was first to be diagnosed. Mom, Leslie, was shocked and overwhelmed, but it led her to research what she could do to help him. He started services in March 2021.

By the time Nathaniel started services, their second son, Benjamin, was starting to show signs. As he was starting at Autism ETC, Leslie found out she was pregnant with their third son, Ezekiel. He was born in January 2022, and suffered a traumatic brain injury during birth. He too was eventually diagnosed with autism.

Both Nathaniel and Benjamin attend the day therapy program on a full-time basis, with Ezekiel attending part-time.

"Don't be discouraged. When you get the diagnosis, you may feel like your world is over. But there are resources and help for your children. People thought I could not make it with three children on the spectrum, but I have people who support me. If it wasn't for Autism ETC lifting me up, I would not be where I am right now."

Read the full story here: \$\overline{8}\$



## Congrats!

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### Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	<b>Thursday</b>	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Ocean Week 1				
Electronics &				
Appliances:	Appliances:	Appliances:	Appliances:	Appliances:
Electrical Safety				
10	11	12	13	14
Ocean Week 2				
Electronics &				
Appliances: How				
Electricity Works				
17	18	19	20	21
Outer Space				
Week 1				
Maintenance:	Maintenance:	Maintenance:	Maintenance:	Maintenance:
House	House	House	House	House
24	25	26	27	28
Outer Space				
Week 2				
Maintenance: Car				

# Classroom Skills

#### Week 1: Ocean Week 1

Letter: Rr Shape: Triangle Color: Blue Preschool: Writing name on paper

School age: Using prepositions, identifying 3D shapes, imitating group activities (objects and motion), shells

#### Week 2: Ocean Week 2

Letter: Ss Shape: Diamond Color: Purple

Preschool: Making lines/shapes with variety of tools

School age: Answering questions about text with key details, identifying shapes in environment, verbally responding to large group instructions, shells

#### Week 3: Outer Space Week 1

Letter: Tt Shape: Heart Color: Pink

Preschool: Participating in songs and rhymes

School age: Compare/contrast experiences characters in different texts, similarities and differences in shapes, independent work, space/sun/moon

#### Week 4: Outer Space Week 2

Letter: Uu Shape: Crescent Color: White

Preschool: Word games/finger play

School age: Expressing opinions of text, modeling shapes in word by drawing, responding to teacher directions, space/sun/moon

### Life Skills

This month, our life skills group will be learning about electronics, appliances, and maintenance.