







August 2024

Spotlight Story

This month, we want to celebrate the "graduation" of one of our recent attendees from the Day Therapy Program at Autism ETC Nashville who will be attending public school full-time this fall.

Elijah Stove was diagnosed with autism at 4 years old, and started receiving services when he was 5. When he first started, Autism ETC was located in a small home in Brentwood. "When we first came to Autism ETC, I wondered how anyone could work with my son in this little house. I was amazed that a stranger could have such a big heart for my son. They let Elijah be himself but helped him to become a new Elijah," said mom, Cassandra.

Since coming to AETC, Elijah has made tremendous progress. "We have crossed a lot of finish lines with Elijah. He still struggles with talking, but the staff have taught him to use an AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) device so that he can



communicate with others. He is now potty trained and no longer has tantrums," said Cassandra. "He understands words and structure; he is able to follow commands and directions. These improvements have allowed him to take the next big step of fully integrating into public school."

Read the full story here:



Calendar

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July 29	July 30	July 31	1	2
Pets	Pets	Pets	Pets	Pets
Social Skills &				
Leisure Time: Alone vs with Others				
5	6	7	8	9
Back to School				
Outings/Field Trips:				
Going to a				
restaurant	restaurant	restaurant	restaurant	restaurant
12	13	14	15	16
All About Me				
Outings/Field Trips:				
Going to the doctor				
19	20	21	22	23
Ice Cream Week 1				
Outings/Field Trips:				
Going to the dentist				
26	27	28	29	30
Ice Cream Week 2				
Outings/Field Trips:				
Going to the store				

Life Skills

This month, our life skills group will be learning leisure time and outings.









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Week 1: Pets

Classroom Skills Letter: Zz Shape: Star Color: Gold Preschool: Listening to simple stories

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

Week 2: Back to School

Letter: Aa Shape: Circle Color: Red Preschool: Body part awareness

School age: Answering questions about a text with key details, understanding 10 frames, lining up, and being a scientist

Week 3: All About Me

Letter: Bb Shape: Rectangle Color: Orange Preschool: Responding to familiar requests

School age: Identifying characters in a text, naming numbers 1-20, putting away personal items, and being a scientist

Week 4: Ice Cream

Letter: Cc Shape: Oval Color: Yellow Preschool: Follow one-step directions

School age: Identifying settings in text, relationships between numbers and quantity, sitting appropriately for large group

instructions, my 5 senses

Week 5: Pets

Letter: Dd Shape: Square Color: Green Preschool: Listening to simple stories

School age: Identifying events in text, one-to-one correspondence, transitioning between activities, my 5 senses

Meet our new staff members!



Shelby Tucker Broadmor



Emily Tubbs Music Valley



Tianna Lamar Thunderbird



Lucero Guerra Music Valley



Donna Anderson Music Valley



Emya Phelps Music Valley



Kaylin Hoelzen Professional Park



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Simone Peterson Music Valley



Kielee Ruiz Music Valley

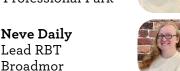


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Promotions!



Theresa McCoin Lead RBT Professional Park





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