



## Spotlight Story

“As cliché as it sounds: Trust the process. You won’t regret bringing your child to the center. Any initial fear you may have will turn into excitement about what new thing your child is about to unleash and discover.”

Our October Family of the Month features 5-year-old Ava Bradley. She’s been attending our Music City clinic full-time in the Day Therapy Program since May 2022.

“I saw a difference in how Ava was developing as a young child as compared to her older brothers. She did not make eye contact. Then we noticed between ages 1 and 2, she wasn’t responding when we tried to communicate with her,” says mom, Charity Reed. Ava was eventually diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum.

Charity says it was difficult when Ava started, but since then, she’s noticed a change in Ava’s overall spirit. “She became more interactive with us and her siblings. She was coming out of her shell. It built a form of communication which led to understanding. She grew more interested in people and interacting with others.”

Read the full story here:



## Calendar

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
30 Fall Week 1 Money: Coins	1 Fall Week 1 Money: Coins	2 Fall Week 1 Money: Coins	3 Fall Week 1 Money: Coins	4 Fall Week 1 Money: Coins
7 Fall Week 2 Money: Dollars	8 Fall Week 2 Money: Dollars	9 Fall Week 2 Money: Dollars	10 Fall Week 2 Money: Dollars	11 Fall Week 2 Money: Dollars
14 Pete the Cat Money: Adding Money	15 Pete the Cat Money: Adding Money	16 Pete the Cat Money: Adding Money	17 Pete the Cat Money: Adding Money	18 Pete the Cat Money: Adding Money
21 My 5 Senses Money: Budgeting	22 My 5 Senses Money: Budgeting	23 My 5 Senses Money: Budgeting	24 My 5 Senses Money: Budgeting	25 My 5 Senses Money: Budgeting
28 Fairytale Week 1 All About Me: Who am I?	29 Fairytale Week 1 All About Me: Who am I?	30 Fairytale Week 1 All About Me: Who am I?	31 Fairytale Week 1 All About Me: Who am I?	1 Fairytale Week 1 All About Me: Who am I?

## Life Skills

This month, our life skills group will be learning all about money and budgeting as well as about themselves.

**Week 1**  
9/30-10/4:  
Coins

**Week 2**  
10/7-10/11:  
Dollars

**Week 3**  
10/14-10/18:  
Adding Money

**Week 4**  
10/21-10/25:  
Budgeting

**Week 5**  
10/28-11/1:  
Who Am I?

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2024

## Classroom Skills

### Week 1: Fall

Letter: Ii Shape: Pentagon Color: Brown

Preschool: Demonstrating actions

School age: Understanding nouns, adding within 10, independent work, all about apples

### Week 2: Fall

Letter: Jj Shape: Octagon Color: Black

Preschool: Making eye contact with pictures

School age: Understanding verbs, measure using length, coming to the front of the class, all about leaves and trees

### Week 3: Pete the Cat

Letter: Kk Shape: Hexagon Color: Grey

Preschool: Exploring books by turning the pages

School age: Answering questions about a text, reading aloud, measuring weight, raising hand to answer questions, all about leaves and trees

### Week 4: My Five Senses

Letter: Ll Shape: Trapezoid Color: Silver

Preschool: Physical properties of a book

School age: Connecting to a text via personal experience, compare measurement attributes, using advanced classroom materials as designed, all about pumpkins

### Week 5: Fairytales

Letter: Mm Shape: Star Color: Gold

Preschool: Making associations between books on the same topics

School age: Answering and asking questions about unknown words in a text, subtract within 10, return materials to correct location, force and motion

## Meet our new staff members!



**Andrea Carpenter**  
Music Valley



**Makayla Belbin**  
Professional Park



**Macy Crabbs**  
Broadmor



**Easton Donohoe**  
Thunderbird



**John Donoghue**  
Broadmor



**Jaden Dornan**  
Thunderbird



**LaShonda Drake**  
Professional Park



**Maelyn Thayer**  
Music Valley



**Makyla Saucedo**  
Thunderbird



**Emily LaBarge**  
Music Valley

## Promotions!



**Leila Shearer**  
Senior BCBA  
Music Valley



**Sara Huggins**  
Senior RBT  
Harnett Court