



SPOTLIGHT STORY



Lochlan Spelta 2 years with Autism ETC

“When we came to Autism ETC, we felt at home.”

We’re featuring Lochlan Spelta in our May 2025 Spotlight Story. Lochlan has been attending our Music Valley location since July 2023.

Mom, Skyler, noticed he wasn’t reaching milestones with his speech development. He was diagnosed with autism at the age of 2.

When Lochlan arrived at Autism ETC, he would make sounds, but wouldn’t use words. He is now using words, and able to communicate his wants and needs. He also plays with his family.

Skyler says because Lochlan is gaining the skills he needs, she can see him going to college, and living a full life.

Read more of Lochlan’s story on our website.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Sarina Richars - Technician

Hailey Diggs - Technician

Sophia Hammer - Technician

Chase Page - Technician

Hannah Voita - Technician

Heidi Rodriguez Roman - Technician

Jayler Schlapia - Technician

Joanna Salgado - Technician

Melanie Sosa - Technician

Alexis King - Technician

Joshua Carman - Technician

PROMOTIONS

Mackenzie Saucedo - Senior RBT



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

The kids at our Murfreesboro location cared for live caterpillars as part of their science unit and they emerged as butterflies!



LIFE SKILLS

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

Week 1: 4/28 - 5/2

Bedroom and Laundry

Week 2: 5/5 - 5/9

Living Room

Week 3: 5/12 - 5/16

Kitchen

Week 4: 5/19 - 5/23

All About Electronics

Week 5: 5/26 - 5/30

All About Appliances

CLASSROOM SKILLS

Week 1: Dr. Seuss

Letter: Mm Shape: Star Color: Gold

Preschool: Looking at pictures in depth

School age: Asking questions about unknown words in text, recognizing and identifying coin value, lining up in a line, weather

Week 2: Zoo

Letter: Nn Shape: Circle Color: Orange

Preschool: Looking at books individually

School age: Print concepts, counting by 1s/5s/10s, putting away personal items, nocturnal animals

Week 3: Zoo

Letter: Oo Shape: Rectangle Color: Orange

Preschool: Make marks on paper

School age: Connecting to a text across text, greater than/less than/equal to, sitting appropriately for large group instruction, habitats

Week 4: If You Give A Mouse A Cookie

Letter: Pp Shape: Oval Color: Yellow

Preschool: Scribbles on paper using palm of hand

School age: Similarities and differences across text, classify/count/compare, transitioning between activities, ramps

Week 5: If You Give A Mouse A Cookie

Letter: Qq Shape: Square Color: Green

Preschool: Imitating crayon/marker strokes

School age: Connecting to a text with personal experiences, identifying 2D shapes, group movement activities, colors