

Talk Tips To Go – April 2019



APRIL IS NATIONAL
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MONTH

Article of the Month – Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!!

How to Utilize a Timeless Author's Books to Develop Speech & Language Skills

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Developing Vocabulary:

Books are great for learning new vocabulary pertaining to a particular topic/theme. Use a Dr. Seuss book to plan a week (or even month) of themed activities to help promote your child's vocabulary growth. Each activity will help build upon your child's previous knowledge/experience. If using, *Horton Hears a Who!*, you can pretend to be elephants, make elephant hats, talk about how an elephant's body parts are similar/different than your own, use pom-poms to make clovers, or make edible clovers using Rice Krispies cereal.

Developing Early Literacy Skills:

Phonological awareness, the understanding of how sounds are put together to form words, is a foundational pre-literacy skill. The ability to identify and produce rhyming words is included in this. Dr. Seuss books, such as *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish*, are full of rhyming words. As your child becomes familiar with a story, pause and let them fill in the missing words.

If you never did, you should.
These things are fun and
fun is good
Dr. Seuss

Developing Articulation Skills:

Dr. Seuss books are full of motivating “tongue tanglers” that can be used to reinforce clear articulation skills. Pick a book full of your child’s target sound(s) and have fun! *Fox in Socks* is great for working on the /s/ sound.

Developing Social Skills:

- *Yertle the Turtle*: Targets sympathy and the importance of caring for others.
 - *The Big Brag*: A lesson surrounding bragging.
 - *What Was I Scared Of*: Perfect for discussing fears and how to overcome them.
 - *Green Eggs and Ham*: Conveys the importance of being open-minded/flexible.
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Staff Spotlight

Sam Secrist, M.S. CCC–SLP

Sam is this month's writer of our "Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss" TTTG article. Sam has been part of the CS&HC speech team since !

Sam's areas of expertise include: autism spectrum disorder, early intervention, augmentative and alternative communication, and articulation.

Sam's favorite part of of her job is "Being able to teach communication through play!"



A big CONGRATULATIONS to Danielle Nader, M.S. CCC–SLP for getting her proposal accepted to be a presenter at the Milestones Conference in Cleveland this summer!

[Click here to find out more about Milestones National Autism Conference.](#)



Do you shop at Lucky's Market?

Help us win the Lucky's Bags for Change contest! Just bring in reusable bags when you shop. You'll receive tokens to vote with. The nonprofit with the most tokens at the end of the contest wins the grand prize!



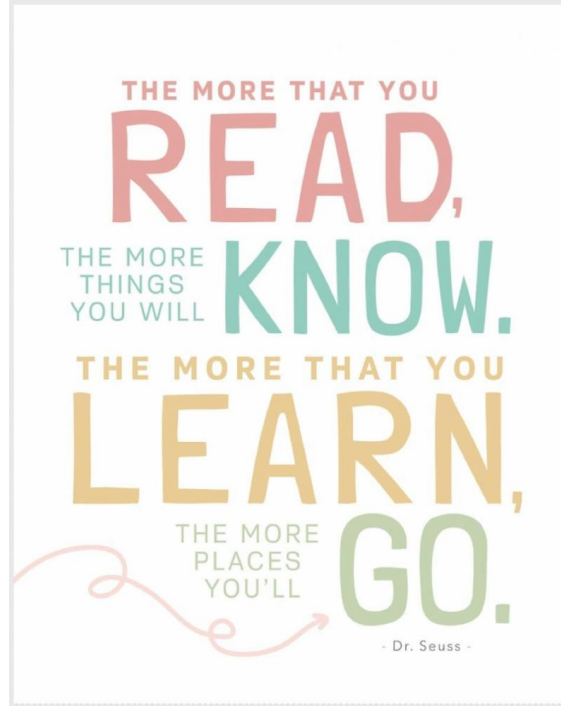
We Love to Read!

Janel and Abbey enjoyed the Worthington Family Reading Festival with Llama Llama Red Pajama.

Check out bestselling Llama Llama books by Anna Dewdney at your local library.

- Llama Llama loves to read
- Llama Llama Yum Yum Yum!
- Llama Llama Misses Mama
- Llama Llama Time To Share
- Llama Llama I love you!
- Llama Llama Holiday Drama!
- Llama Llama Home with Mama!

Inspirational Saying



Mark your Calendars...

Need Something to Celebrate??

- April 2nd – International Children's Book Day
- April 10th– National Siblings Day
- April 14th– International Moment of Laughter Day
- April 18th– International Juggler's Day
- April 20th– Lookalike Day
- April 22nd– Earth Day
- April 25th– World Penguin Day
- April 27th– Tell a Story Day
- April 30th– National Honesty Day



National Stuttering Association Meeting

The National Stuttering Association Columbus Chapter meets at CS&HC the 1st Thursday of every month from 7–8 PM. Join us on Thursday, April 4th for this month's meeting.

[Check out this flyer for more](#)



CS&HC's 12th Annual Golf Event

Our 12th annual golf event will take place on May 20th, 2019 at The Lakes Golf and



Country Club in Westerville. The funds we raise at this event (over 100,000 last year) help us continue to provide services to those in need! If interested in attending, volunteering, or donating for this event please contact Rachel Milligan at rmilligan@columbusspeech.org.

Autism Diagnostic Clinic

The Columbus Speech & Hearing Center's Autism Diagnostic Clinic is currently scheduling evaluations for March 2019. Please call 614-263-5151 to schedule or ask any questions about our clinic.



Autism
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[Click here to see CSHC's Autism Diagnostic Clinic Flier.](#)

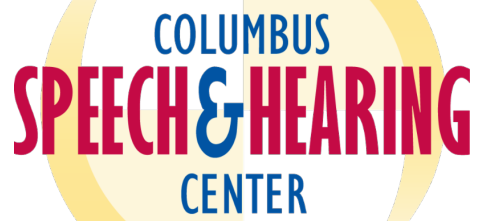
[Click here to see red flags for Autism.](#)

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Please contact Lora McConnell at (614) 261-5462 or lmccConnell@columbusspeech.org if you are interested in scheduling a Chatterbox event at your location!

[Please click here for April's Chatterbox schedule.](#)

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