

Talk Tips To Go

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Article of the Month

Pumpkin Language Activities

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Pumpkins are everywhere in the fall, so it is easy (and fun!) to incorporate language learning into everyday activities! Here are some ideas for incorporating vocabulary words, language concepts, and language activities into your family's fall festivities:

Picking Pumpkins

- Whether you pick your pumpkins at the store or from the pumpkin patch, you can talk about a variety of basic concepts. Talk about the size of the pumpkins (big, medium, small, tiny, gigantic, huge), texture of the pumpkins and pumpkin stem (bumpy, smooth, rough), and the colors you see (orange, white, brown).

Carving Pumpkins

- This is a great opportunity to practice following directions, prepositions, and sequencing!
- When preparing your pumpkin for carving, provide simple directions for your child to follow: "Let's get a spoon and dig out the seeds!" "Put the seeds in the bowl," and "Will you put the top back on the pumpkin?"
- Talk about prepositions: "The pumpkin seeds are **in** the pumpkin- we need to take them **out!**" and "The stem is on **top** of the pumpkin".
- Let your child be the teacher! When carving pumpkins, let them give you directions to practice sequencing skills by asking "Now what should I do?" and "What next?" If they are having trouble telling you the next step, give choices: "Should we scoop the seeds first or draw the face first?" and "Should I carve the eye or the nose first?"

Baking and Eating Pumpkin Treats

- Make a pumpkin recipe! Not only is it fun and delicious, but the perfect time to practice language skills.

- While baking, give your child directions to follow: “Can you give me the sugar?” and “Pass me the spoon and the bowl”
- Baking is an easy way to talk about sequencing: “First we will put in the egg. Next, we mix the batter,” and “First we bake the cookies, then we will ice them, and last we will eat them!”
- When you’ve finished baking and are enjoying the yummy treats, have a taste test! You can talk about how the pumpkin muffins are “sweet” and “soft” and discuss the “salty” and “crunchy” pumpkin seeds.

Have fun celebrating fall!

Below you will find a copy of a "Going Trick or Treating" visual picture schedule made with Boardmaker to help our clients practice and predict what to do and say while out in the community Trick or Treating. Research supports using visuals to help individuals better communicate with others. Consider bringing along a few pictures or visuals to help your child or students have fun and be successful communicating this Halloween.



Favorite Halloween Apps

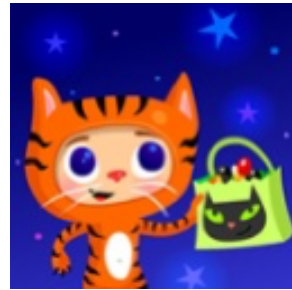
1. The Very Hungry Pumpkin- A fun game for kids of all ages. Touch the screen to guide the Pumpkin to the candy, while avoiding the other trick-

or-treaters.

2. Carve-A-Pumpkin- Carve a pumpkin without the mess, choose eyes, nose, and mouth.



3. Halloween WordSearch- Halloween themed word search



4. Treat Street HD- Interactive game where you go trick or treating and fill up your goodie bag with candy.



5. Peekaboo Trick or Treat- Target Halloween vocabulary as you meet 11 different Halloween characters.

Speech Therapy is "a-MAZE-ing" at CS&HC

We always love displaying our clients art work in the speech departments waiting room. Speech therapy is great because our clients are "a-MAZE-ing"!!



Apraxia Walk 2019

Several of our SLPs



represented the CS&HC at the Columbus Apraxia Walk on Sunday, September 15th, 2019. Thank you to all who supported our team and walked with us!

To learn more about Apraxia go to Apraxia-Kids.org

Out and About in the Community

Thank you Anna Lichtenstein for representing CS&HC at the Trans Career & Wellness Day hosted by TransOhio and Clintonville Counseling.

Anna shared information and answered questions about gender affirming voice services offered at CS&HC.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about these services please call Anna at 614-263-5151.



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

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

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

[Meet our ADC Team!](#)

Fall Speech Groups

Fall Speech Therapy Groups will be starting the week of September 3rd.

- JAM
- Tiny Talkers
- Talk It UP



To find out more about our group programs check out our website www.columbusspeech.org or call 614-263-5151.

Words of Wisdom

“When we make play the foundation of learning, we teach the whole child.”



- Vince Gowmon

“Being a good friend doesn’t mean you always have all the right words to say. Sometimes it means you just have to be a good listener.”



- Katrina Mayer

Mark your Calendars....

National Stuttering Association Meeting

This month the National Stuttering Association Columbus Chapter will meet at CS&HC on Thursday, October 3rd, 2019 from 7-8 PM.

[Check out this flyer for more information about](#)

Sensory Friendly Trunk of Treat!

What: Sensory Friendly Trunk or Treat for individuals with special needs and their families.

Hosted by Autism Society Central Ohio, Coffee, Tea & Autism Fairfield County Support Group, and the Learning Spectrum.

When: October 13, 2019 from 2-4 PM

Where: Learning Spectrum South-Canal Winchester
115 Franklin St, Canal Winchester, 43110

[Click here to register!](#)



Trick or Suites!

What: 5th Annual Trick or "Suites"! ASCO (Autism Society of Central Ohio) is partnering with Embassy Suites Dublin to provide a fun and safe environment for individuals with special needs and their families to enjoy trick-or-treat and more!



When: Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 5 to 7 pm

Where: The Embassy Suites in Dublin- 5100 Upper Metro Pl, Dublin, OH 43017

[Find out more about this event on ASCO's Facebook page](#)

Walks, Walks, and more Walks



Halloween Hop!



5TH ANNUAL Halloween Hop!

Free trick-or-treat fun for kids of all abilities!

Treats!

Art!

Music!

Therapy
Dogs!

Magic!

Costumes!

Saturday, Oct. 19 • 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Columbus Speech & Hearing Center
510 E. North Broadway
Columbus, Ohio 43214



Catered to children with special needs, the following spooktacular fun activities await every child at Halloween Hop:

Trick-or-Treat Experience

- Five stations with non-food treat options for children with dietary restrictions
- Five stations with typical candy/food treats
- Stations will be staffed by Center employees and volunteers



Fun, Safe and Exciting Activities

- Magician experienced in working with children of all abilities
- Interactive musician who will delight and inspire with the joy of music
- Halloween-themed art activities led by our speech-language pathologists and volunteers
- Therapy dog area for petting and play
- Quiet sensory room for families who need a break

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or visit www.columbuspeech.org.



Meet and chat with a Speech-Language Pathologist from Columbus Speech & Hearing Center for a casual Q & A about your child's speech and language

development and how you can naturally support your child's speech and development during every day routines and activities.



This Month's Chatterboxes:

- Thursday, October 3rd Firefly Play Cafe'
 - 10:30-11:30 AM
- Thursday, October 10th Westerville Library
 - 9:30- 10:30 AM
- Thursday, October 17th Worthington Park Library
 - 10:45-11:45 AM
- Wednesday, October 23rd Northwest Library
 - 10:15-11:15 AM

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

Contract Speech Services for Schools

Columbus Speech & Hearing Center can contract with your daycare, preschool, elementary school, and/or high school to provide the following services:

- Yearlong Speech Therapy Services
- Speech-Language and/or Hearing Screenings
- Short-term Emergency Leave Coverage
- Extended School Year Services
- Educational Audiology & Hearing Aid Services
- Independent Educational Evaluations

For more information please call 614-263-5151.



Find out what is happening this month at Columbus Speech & Hearing Center by following us on Facebook.

[Click here to visit our Facebook Page](#)



Or

Check out our **"Words of Wisdom" Wednesdays** and our **"Therapy Share" Thursdays** on Instagram @columbusspeech.



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columbusspeech . . . Let's Talk Bubbles . . .

There is something magically about bubbles, right? Kids (and adults) of all ages love bubbles. At our office, you're guaranteed to find at least one container of bubbles in every room and multiple containers in our toy closet. Why?? Because bubbles really are **magi**! They can be used to:



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columbusspeech Thank you United Way of Central Ohio and Build-A-Bear Foundation for donating these darling, cuddly teddy bears! 🧸💕🧸
Our students are going to love playing with these new friends!



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