



# SPEECH & LANGUAGE

## Monthly Speech Room Newsletter

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### This Month in the Speech Room...

#### Flexible Seating in the Speech Room!



Last month we received funding through DonorsChoose to purchase new flexible seating options for the speech room. Everyone was so excited when the package arrived. Students are enjoying the various seating choices available to them.

**Remind.com:** If you haven't already done so, please sign up at [rmd.at/9643ffff](http://rmd.at/9643ffff).

**Mrs. House's Speech Room Website:** Did you misplace your homework calendar? Calendars are available on my website at [SulphurSpringsSLPeducatorpages.com](http://SulphurSpringsSLPeducatorpages.com)

### Communication Facts

Is there a difference between "Speech" and "Language"?

Yes! 'Speech' is generally the dominate characteristic in people's mind when they think of speech/language therapy; however, both are equally important when communicating.

**Speech:** the physical production of sounds and sound combinations to make words. Influences how clearly an individual sounds to a listener.

**Language:** the content of what is being said. Often distinguished by understanding, expression (sentences /grammar) and pragmatics or social language.

### Books We're Reading

**\*Snowmen at Night by Caralyn Buehner:** Have you ever built a snowman and discovered the next day that his grin has gotten a little crooked, or his tree-branch arms have moved? And you've wondered, "What do snowmen do at night?" This imaginative verse offers many amusing details about the secret life of snowmen and where they go at night

**\*Mooseltoe by Margie Palatini:** Moose thinks he has all his Christmas preparations taken care of, but at the last minute he must come up with a substitute for the forgotten Christmas tree.

### Speech & Language at Home

**Visuals** can be extremely powerful tools for children with difficulties expressing themselves.

- *Write out directions* an auditory direction is fleeting. Write down what you want your child to do and keep it in a visible spot for reminders.
- *Visual rewards* a token board is a visual reward system. Your child can work for 5 stars by completing specific tasks to earn his/her desired reward.
- *Take pictures* if routines are difficult, use photographs posted in sequential order to remind them what comes next.