



SPEECH & LANGUAGE

Monthly Speech Room Newsletter

November 2017

This Month in the Speech Room...

Progress Reports will be sent home this month during the week of November 13th. Please keep an eye out for an envelop in your child's backpack or class folder. If you have any questions or would like to meet during conference days, please contact me so that we can arrange a time. I will be available on Thursday (11/16) and Friday (11/17) to meet with you.

Remind.com: If you haven't already done so, please sign up to receive messages from me through Remind. This is also an excellent way to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Please sign up at rmd.at/9643fff.

DonorsChoose: This month, I had two amazing projects funded through Donors Choose. Please visit my classroom page at www.donorschoose.org/SulphurSLP to learn more about these projects. Thank you to everyone who supported our speech room projects!

Mrs. House's Speech Room Website: Did you misplace your homework calendar? Calendars are available on my website at SulphurSpringsSLP.educatorpages.com

Communication Facts

Tell me more about language skills...

Articulation: use of the articulators (i.e. lips, teeth, tongue, etc.) to produce sounds. Errors in how a sound is 'articulated' will effect how clearly or intelligibly an individual speaks.

Fluency: the flow of speech including continuity, rate, smoothness, and effort expended during speech production. Disruptions to fluency could result in a stutter.

Voice: the quality, pitch or volume of an individual's speech output. Disruptions to voice could involve medical issues such as vocal cord polyps or nodules.

Books We're Reading

"Pumpkin Town" by Katie Mcky: One pumpkin makes a tasty pie. Two pumpkins can be carved into grinning jack-o'-lanterns, and a couple hundred more make for a decent pumpkin patch. Gather one thousand pumpkins and you'll have a grand fall festival. But what happens when a town has an accidental abundance of pumpkins?

"Turkey Trouble" by Wendy Silvano: Turkey is in trouble. The kind of trouble where it's almost Thanksgiving . . . and you're the main course. But Turkey has an idea-- what if he doesn't look like a turkey? What if he looks like another animal instead? After many hilarious attempts, Turkey comes up with the perfect disguise to make this Thanksgiving the best ever!

Speech & Language at Home

Assisting your child with speech intelligibility issues at home can be overwhelming. Try these strategies..

- **Practice, practice, practice:** speech homework is so important when working on intelligibility. Practice the sounds, words, or phrases your SLP sends home daily.
- **Validate:** repeat and reaffirm what your child has said with correct pronunciation instead of always pointing out sounds/words said in error.
- **Be clear:** Don't be afraid to tell your child, "I didn't understand you." Offer assistance or encourage them to try to say it another way.