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child to learn



▶ OUR VISION IS TO ENABLE
EVERY CHILD TO LEARN TO
HIS OR HER FULL POTENTIAL

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THE *MOVE TO LEARN*
MOVEMENT SEQUENCES
AVAILABLE TO EVERY CHILD
IN EVERY CLASSROOM

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Welcome to Autumn!

After a rather traumatic summer, that seemed to be one natural disaster after another, the change in season seems to promise hope for gentler times ahead. We have heard from some of you in our extended family who have been personally touched by some of these tragedies, and our hearts go out to you. We pray for a speedy rebuilding of damaged property, a vibrant renewal of drowned, burned and crushed land and a gentle healing of broken hearts and bodies. For those of you who have lost precious loved ones, our sincere condolences.

The Move to Learn Team



This edition will be brief. We mainly wanted to let you know about an exciting upcoming conference:

Hope and Help **- for families of children with Sensory Processing Disorder.**

It will be held in Sydney and Adelaide
May 5th (Manly, Sydney) and May 12th (Glenelg, Adelaide)

Links to Learning and SPD Foundation Australia are bringing Alex Doman, creator of The Listening Program and Founder and CEO of Advanced Brain Technologies, to Australia.

You can have the opportunity to train with Alex and take full advantage of his outstanding knowledge and expertise in the brain and how it processes information.

Training will take place over 2 days preceded by a 1 day conference open to parents and professionals alike.

Veronica Steer will be speaking in Adelaide and Adele Suda will be speaking in Sydney. Move to Learn will have a table at both venues and we'd love to meet up with any of you who are able to attend. I plan to help 'man' the tables.

To register, call: Tracey Butler (08)8210 9477 or email: info@links2learning.com.au

The Truth about Backwards Crawling?

Recently, we received a question here in the office regarding ‘backwards crawling’.
‘Will this reflect in academic learning? Does it matter whether it is backwards or forwards?’

Crawling backwards for a time is actually quite common. It can occur when the baby is just learning to crawl while they are still mastering coordination and their arms and upper body are stronger than their legs. It usually only usually lasts a week or so, and as long as they progress to forward crawling for an appropriate period of time it shouldn't be a problem - but it is important that they do that. Failure to crawl properly, for long enough, can cause problems and can also indicate deeper developmental problems.

What struck me, however, is how confusing it can be for parents to try and find out what is normal and what is not. I googled this question, my normal recourse whenever I'm seeking information, and found a number of articles and references all saying different things. Many very reputable sites declared that crawling wasn't important as a developmental stage at all. In fact I had to trawl through several pages of references before I found some that recognised the importance of crawling. This was one interesting article I found: (<http://www.abcarticledirectory.com/Article/Top-3-Reasons-Why-Baby-Crawling-Must-Be-Done-Correctly/21342>)

What a shame, though! We live in an age where so much information is available at the click of a mouse, but that can also bring a lot of confusion. Just because a site is at the top of a Google search list doesn't mean that it has the most accurate information, or even that it has any accurate information at all. With so many voices out there declaring ‘the truth’, how do we pick the right one?

Well, I guess that's where we all fit in to the picture, sharing what we know and what we've learned with those within our circle of acquaintances. Word of mouth, advice from a trusted friend, bears a lot more weight in navigating contradictory ‘truths’.

Until next month, keep on rolling!

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