This is Oliver Tolson. Oliver is one of the children we have served the past year and he graduated Kindergarten. Oliver has been doing Dyslexia intervention, DuBard method which is used for children that have speech problems along with dyslexia.

What is Dyslexia?
Dyslexia is a language based language based learning difference. Individuals with dyslexia have trouble with reading, writing spelling, and/or math. **Dyslexia is not only common, it is persistent.**

How Reading is Taught....
How reading is taught can drastically effect the ease with which a child learns to transform what are essentially abstract squiggles on a
page into meaningful letters, sounds, words, and then entire sentences and paragraphs.

Reading represents a code: and alphabetic code. About 70 to 80% of children are able to break the code after a year of instruction. For the remaining children, reading remains beyond their reach after one, two, or even more years of schooling.

Subsequent research has shown that in contrast to a popular myth, children with dyslexia are not usually prone to seeing letters or words backwards and that the deficit responsible for the disorder resides in the language system. The problem is a linguistic one!

The phoneme is the fundamental element of the language system. There are 44 phonemes, which are the essential building blocks of all spoken and written words.

**Required Screening**

**Level 1: Universal Screener**

A school district shall screen using the (DIBELS) Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills. The screening should include:

- Phonological and phonemic awareness
- Sound symbol recognition
- Alphabet knowledge
- Decoding skills
- Rapid naming skills
- Encoding

Source: Overcoming Dyslexia by Sally Shaywitz, M.D.

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**JUNE EVENTS**

**9th/10th** - Youth Move Arkansas Conference

**11th** - AAROC Zoo Day

**16th** - Autism Parent Support Group

**19th** - Adoption Support Group

**28th** - AANEA Open Arms Support Group

**29th** - Teacher In-Service (Wynne Public Schools)

Join us for Sensory Saturday at the Jonesboro and Monticello Theaters for *Finding Dory* on June 25th at 9:30am and *Ice Age* on July 23rd at 9:30am.