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Thomas O. Eller Preschool Language Classroom

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Veteran and student clinicians alike have fallen in love with Miguel, a sweet three year old boy who attends the Thomas O. Eller Preschool Language Classroom at the Charles E. and Geneva S. Scott Scottish Rite Communication Disorders Clinic. Miguel has developed quite a vocabulary for a child who, just seven months ago, began therapy with grunts and squeals as his main mode of communication. Through a combination of twice weekly individual and classroom therapy sessions, Miguel has become a confident communicator who often initiates conversation with peers and adults. He brings a smile to the faces of all who are fortunate enough to cross paths with him. He eagerly participates in story time and can't wait to help set the table for snack. His pretend play skills are developing nicely, as he participates with peers in



Miguel loves to play with the classroom tools. Maybe the fact that his dad is a carpenter has something to do with his keen sense of knowing just how to use this saw!



Miguel loves to explore musical instruments, and he received the chance to do just that when a clinician offered him a mini harp during a music therapy session.

the kitchen, tool, and dress-up centers. He is often the first child to arrive in the mornings, eager to begin his day learning. Miguel is afforded this opportunity through the generosity of the Scottish Rite Masons. He will be eligible for participation in the program until he attends kindergarten in the fall of 2016.

Next month...

The August newsletter will feature the Language Learning Program.

We offer our sincerest appreciation for the continued support of the Scottish Rite, without which we could not fulfill our mission.