

Case Study

Five-Year-Old with Downs Syndrome Improves Attention and Focus with Square Panda™

Attention and Focus

When Samantha and Larry B. attended their son Leland's IEP meeting along with Leland, they were surprised to see the Square Panda playset out on the table.

"We were not familiar with Square Panda," said Samantha, "but the teacher explained that Leland is using it in school and invited him to play with it during the meeting."

Leland is a Kindergartner with Downs syndrome who struggles to pay attention for more than 5-10 minutes and often exhibits inappropriate attention-getting behavior.

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Letter Recognition

Leland is drawn to the physical Square Panda Smart Letters. "He loves to pick things up and put them in place, so the tactile letters are perfect for him," said Samantha. "He has other alphabet games, but his letter recognition is much better with Square Panda—the physical letters make a big difference."

Leland's parents have found the design of the Square Panda playset to be beneficial. "The iPad is propped up so Leland doesn't have to hold it. He can focus on one thing at a time, which is essential for him. He only needs to find and place the letters," said Samantha.

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Motivation

According to Samantha, Leland plays with other learning games at home, but nothing motivates him like Square Panda.

"He loves Square Panda—and I love that he cannot move on in the games until he completes a step. If Square Panda asks him to find an A, he knows he has to find it before he can continue."

Leland's favorite Square Panda game is Bubbles. "He knows that if he sticks with the game, he'll get to pop the bubbles, so he's very motivated to keep going."



Bubbles, Leland's favorite Square Panda game

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Repetition

One of Leland's great strengths is that he is a wonderful mimic and loves repetition, so Samantha expects that Square Panda will help him learn sounds and vocabulary. "If he can repeat something enough times, I know he's going to get it, and repetition is a huge part of Square Panda," she said.

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Home Support

After working with Square Panda in school, Leland's letter recognition has become much more accurate. His parents are purchasing the Square Panda Home Edition to help him continue improving his attention and pre-reading skills and be further exposed to valuable repetition. "I also like that Square Panda is portable," said Samantha, "so we can take it with us wherever we go."



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