

THE VOICE



"Exploring Nature Around Us"

Housekeeping

1. Easter Holiday, no school: Friday, April 15th and Monday April 18th
2. Pro-D Day, no school: Monday, April 25th
3. Spirt Day: Wednesday, April 27th



A Message From Our Director of Education

Dear Family, Friends, and Staff,

It's officially spring and in true April fashion we will be experiencing some gloomy showers, but if the old adage is correct it will make way for some beautiful May flowers!

This month our central themes are all about spring, recycling, and Earth Day.

Our big ideas are:

- There are many signs of spring
- Spring is a time of new life
- There are many things to celebrate in spring

To put these themes into practice we will be celebrating Easter on April 13th with some activities including an Easter egg hunt. On Earth Day we will start our morning off with a trip to Trout Lake and in the afternoon each class will coordinate their own neighborhood clean-up project where they will have the opportunity to go outside and help pick up garbage around the neighborhood.

Just a friendly reminder that although the province is easing restrictions, COVID-19 is still around. All of our staff are continuing to wear masks while indoors. Masks are optional for children. If you are coming for an audiology or other appointment at the centre, we do ask that you wear a mask. We are not requiring masks while outdoors. Late last month an email was sent out to staff and families regarding International Travel Requirements Following Return to Canada. Please ensure you are adhering to the rules set out by the Government of Canada.

If you have any questions regarding the information in that email or additional concerns please reach out to your child's teacher or to our main office at info@childrenshearing.ca.

As always stay safe and happy spring!



Loretta Richardson
Director of Education



Did You Hear?

March 3rd was World Hearing Day! The theme this year was "To hear for life, listen with care" and focused on the importance and meaning of hearing loss prevention through safe listening. Here are some interesting facts from the 2021 World Hearing Day:

World Hearing Day 2021
Prevent Hearing Loss and Promote Ear and Hearing Care

Did you know?

- Temporal bone is the hardest in our body
- Our ears never stop "working." While we sleep, our brains can ignore sounds but our ears never stop
- The right ear is more receptive to speech (left brain) and the left ear is more responsive to music (right brain)
- Excessive noise exposure is the #1 cause of hearing loss.
- Listening via headphones or earbuds at full blast is more dangerous than walking by construction work and subway/city noise
- 5% of the world's population has hearing loss - that's approximately 465 million people!
- 37% of children with hearing loss fail at least one grade
- When I was born in 1983, they did not complete hearing tests on newborns in hospitals in the US. Now ~97% babies are screened before they leave the hospital.
- Mild hearing loss can cause a child to miss as much as 50% of class discussion - imagine adults in the real world!

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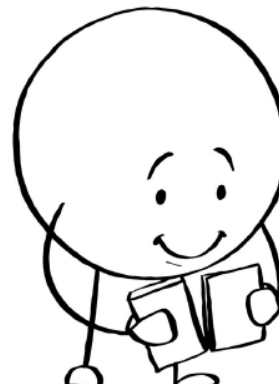
Listening & Spoken Language

Strategies

- Give options/possible choices when a child can't answer a question
- Keep in mind that children are likely to pick the last thing you said, so maybe don't say the correct thing at the end, or try to mix up the order of how you present things.
- Think about the child's auditory memory- if they can't remember 3 things, don't give them 3 choices.

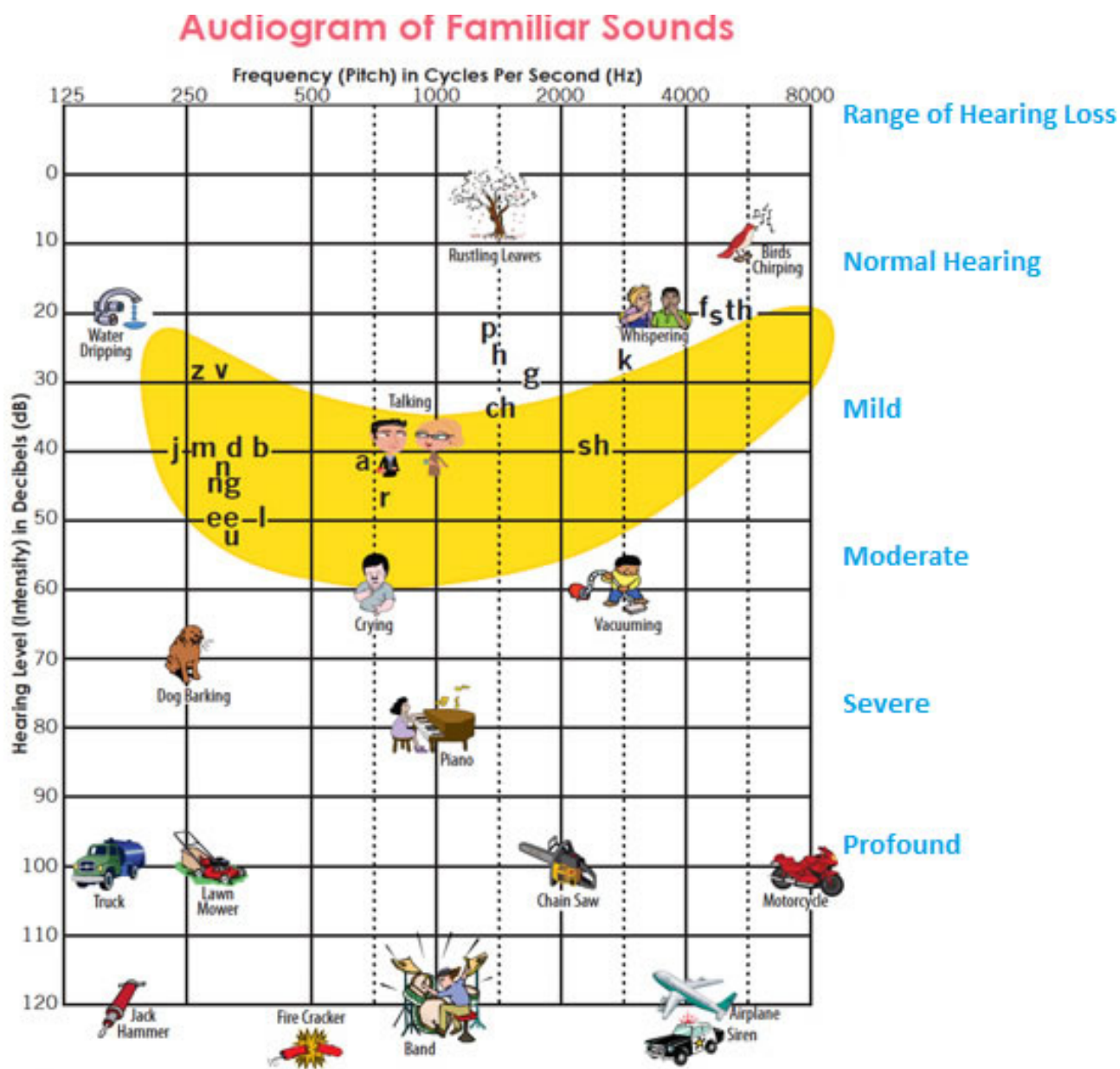
An example:

You ask your child, "What would you like to drink with your snack?" Your child looks at you as you ask the question, but does not answer (or says, "huh?" or answers with something that is not a drink). You ask the question again by saying, "Would you like milk, water, or apple juice with your snack?"



Did You Hear continued...

On March 10th CHSC staff had a great presentation by our new Audiologist, Christine Chan, about Pediatric Audiology. She will be providing more of these information sessions to staff in the next coming months! The picture below is an Audiogram of Familiar Sounds. The highlighted portion shows where all of the speech sounds in English occur and is referred to as the “Speech Banana”. Thanks, Christine, for the great information session, and thank you to our incredible staff for the insightful and informative Q&A that followed!



First IN-PERSON Fundraiser in Over 2 Years!



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We are so excited to announce on June 2nd we will be hosting our first in-person fundraising event in over **TWO** years!

Get your tickets to MUSIC-BINGO in support of CHSC! You will get to rock out and jam to some amazing tunes and there are awesome prizes to be won! There will also be light refreshments and a silent auction.

- **When:** Thursday June 2
- **Where:** Our Gym
- **Time:** 6:00 PM

We are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping out you can contact our Marketing & Development Officer Elysha via email at ecohen@childrenshearing.ca

SEE YOU AT THE PARTY!



A Fun Spring Activity

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Spring Listening Scavenger Hunt

Can you hear...

Take a walk outside- can you hear all of these springtime sounds?

The graphic features a light blue background with white polka dots and a black scalloped border. On the left, a cartoon boy waves. On the right, a cartoon girl waves next to a green frog. In the center, the title 'Spring Listening Scavenger Hunt' is written in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, two scavenger hunt cards are shown, each with a grid of 12 small illustrations of spring sounds like birds, bees, rain, and a lawnmower. A copyright notice '© Rita SLP' is in the top right corner of the graphic area.

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