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# EPIC STRIDES NEWS

The Official Newsletter of Epic Strides



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**Q:** What did one pencil say to the other on the first day of school?

**A:** Looking sharp!



## LOCAL ACTIVITIES

### SENSORY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Checkout this list of fun local activities to do in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

<https://dfwchild.com/sensory-friendly-attractions-in-dallas-fort-worth/>

## CHUCK E CHEESE

SENSORY SUNDAYS  
1604 PRESTON RD  
PLANO, TX 75099

DEDICATED TIME FOR KIDS WITH AUTISM & SPECIAL NEEDS

We're proud to support families of children with autism and other special needs. Through our Sensory Sensitive Sundays™ program, participating locations open two hours early on the first Sunday of the month. They offer the following:

- a quieter environment
- dimmed lighting
- a trained and caring staff to ensure each guest has a safe, fun-filled visit

## CRAYOLA EXPERIENCE PLANO

### SENSORY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Sensory Friendly Sundays at Crayola Experience Plano are here! See Upcoming Dates Below:

- August 20th -

On the third Sunday of select months Sensory Sundays are offered. These special mornings are designed for kids and families who would like to experience the attraction adapted just for sensory needs. The attraction opens at 10:00am-12:00pm.

- Lights will be dimmed & Music will be turned off
- Quiet room available
- Special guided craft at Cafe Crayola
- Crayon Factory Show @ 11:00am



## EPIC REMINDERS

Our Summer Session ends Friday, August 4th.



Epic Strides will close on August 7th at 2:00pm to prepare for our Fall Session.

Fall Session Begins August 8th.

## PARENT SAFETY REMINDER

Please drop off your child with a therapist or speech provider. The front door now needs to be opened using a unique door code.

## AUGUST PARENT TIP SCHOOL VS. ABA

### Advantages of Community-Based, Public School Programs

A community-based, public school program has several major potential advantages. It provides the child with the opportunity to attend school with other children from their neighborhood and, in some cases, their siblings. They can attend school with children they know from other contexts (e.g., their block, their sports team, etc.). This opportunity for community immersion and integration is a major advantage.

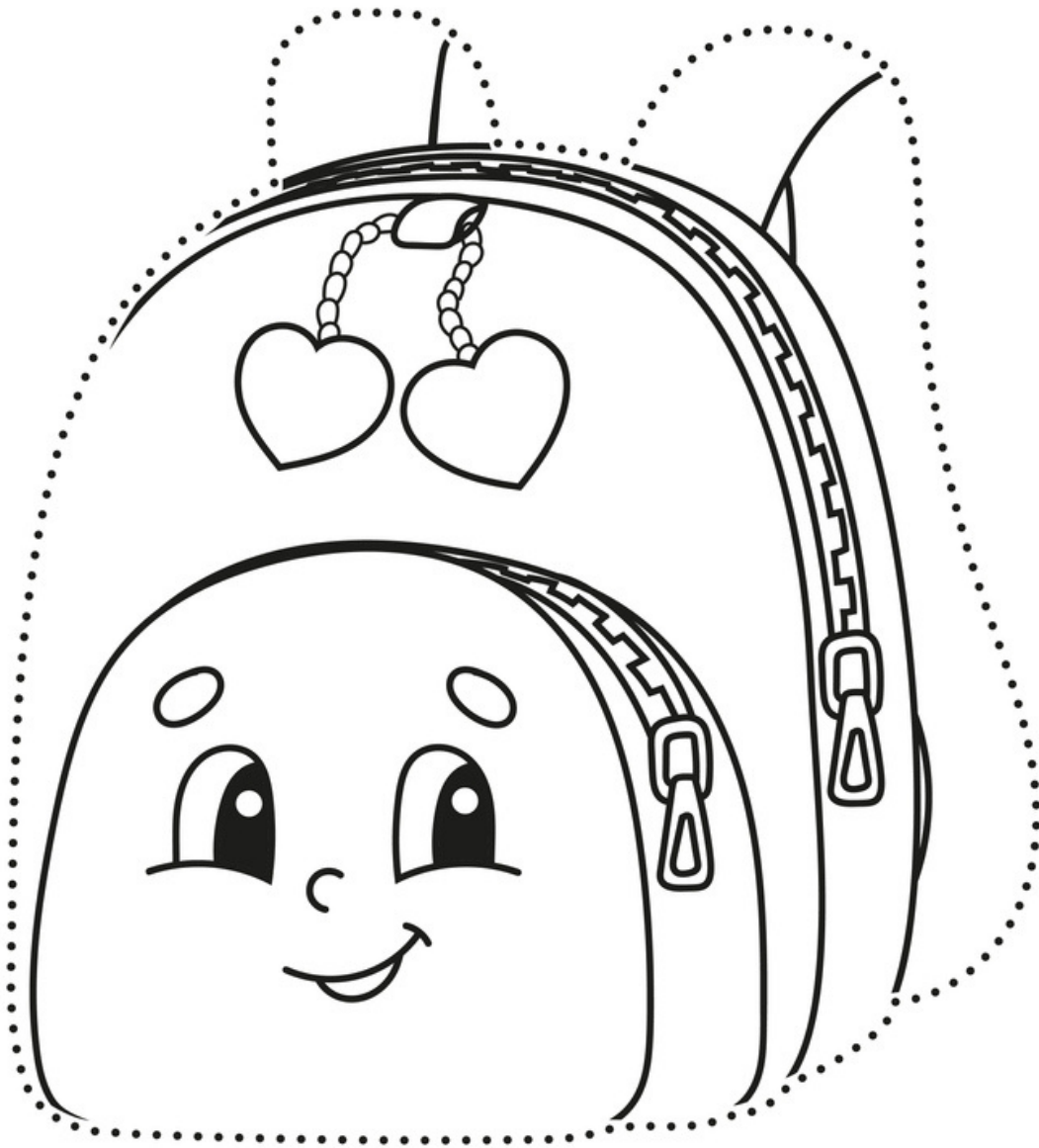
### Disadvantages of Community-based, Public School Programs

The major disadvantage of a public school program placement is that staff members generally do not possess the same level of expertise regarding Autism Spectrum Disorders or effective treatments for ASDs that is found in staff members at specialized programs that use ABA. While there may be some understanding of the needs of learners with ASDs, the breadth and depth of the knowledge is generally far less than among staff members in specialized programs.

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# SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION



## COLOR & TRACE