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"It sounds like magic, but research shows that sign language can help kids—even those with learning disabilities—increase their learning ability."

—Marilyn Daniels,
Ph.D., author of
*Dancing With
Words: Signing
for Hearing
Children's
Literacy*

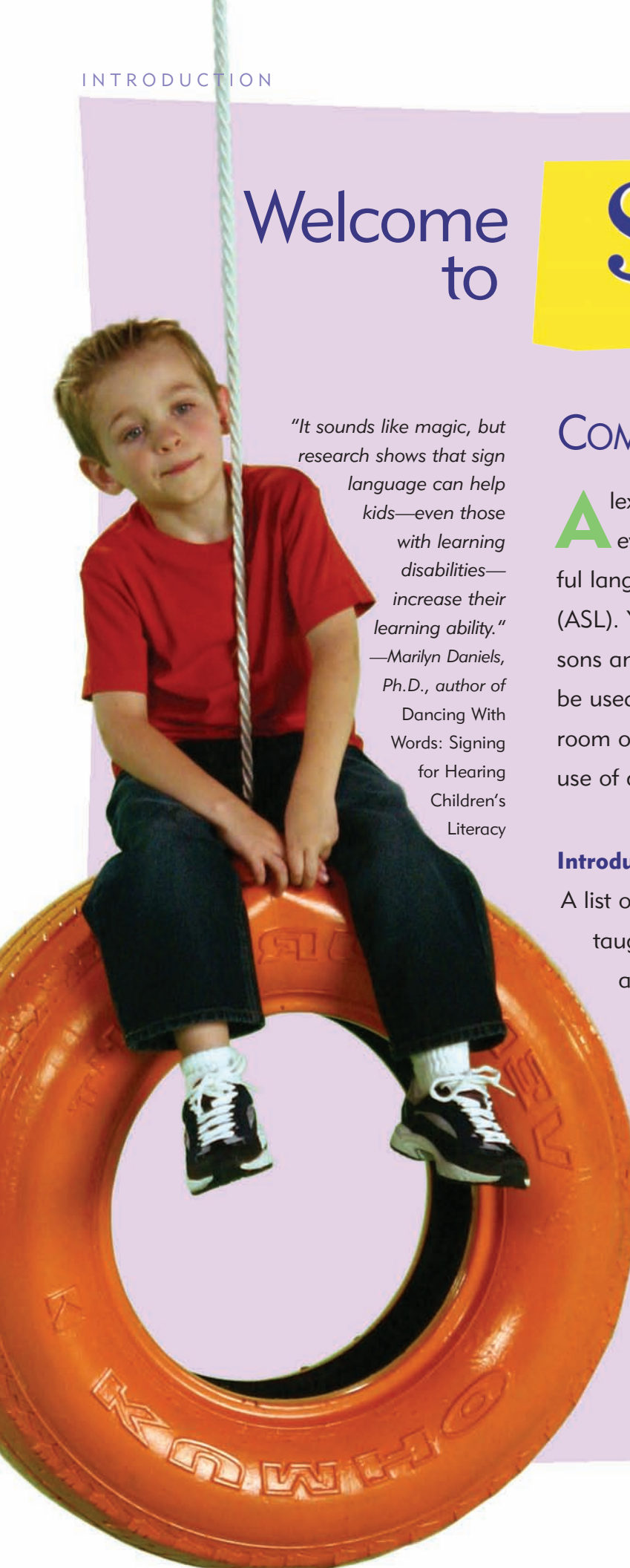
COME SIGN WITH US!

Alex and Leah invite teachers and children everywhere to share with them the beautiful language called American Sign Language (ASL). You will find this valuable resource of lessons and activities engaging and fun! They can be used as a wonderful learning tool in the classroom or at home, and you too can integrate the use of a sign language into your world!

Introductory Lesson Plans (ILP)



A list of the signing vocabulary words to be taught in the lessons is provided as well as a downloadable sheet of the words (presented in picture form). Short explanations such as: "banana—it's like peeling a banana" will be included to help introduce each vocabulary word. If combined with the companion video or DVD, the signs will coincide for even more effectiveness. If teachers do not have access to the videos/DVDs, the ILPs can stand on their own.



Activities & Worksheets

To reinforce the signs learned from the ILPs, the activities and worksheets will encompass the overall objectives of the lesson plan while incorporating everyday subject matter. All materials adhere to state standards which guide education and promote the learning and use of ASL.

contents:

Volume 1: My First Signs

Volume 2: Playtime Signs

Volume 3: Everyday Signs

Volume 4: Family, Feelings & Fun

Volume 5: ABC Signs

Volume 6: My Favorite Things



INSTRUCTIONS

In the Teacher's Vocabulary Guide (TVG), you will find three columns. The first column lists all of the vocabulary words for a particular lesson. The second column shows pictorially all of the signs for each vocabulary word listed. The third column gives a short explanation of how to produce the signs shown in picture form.

Step 1: Familiarize yourself with the signs so you are able to model them to your students with ease.

Step 2: Hand out the Student Vocabulary Worksheet (SVW) to each student. Using the table, start with number one and sign a word such as "colors." While modeling the sign, students will find the sign pictorially represented on their paper and should write the word "colors" in the blank provided, which corresponds to the picture. The students then sign the word "colors" as a class for the teacher to see. Continue until the vocabulary worksheet is complete.

Step 3: Once all vocabulary words have been introduced and students have completed their worksheets, use any of the additional lessons, activities, and worksheets which reinforce the words and integrate various academic subject areas.

