

# Talk Tips To Go

## December 2020

Wishing all of our clients, friends, and families a wonderful Holiday Season filled with warmth, laughter, and happiness!

- The Columbus Speech & Hearing Center Speech Department
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### Center Hours

Friendly reminder the Columbus Speech & Hearing Center will close Thursday, December 24th at noon through Friday, January 1st so our staff can celebrate the holidays with their families.



We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!

The center will be open as scheduled on Monday, January 4th.

If you have any questions please call 614-263-5151.

## Article of the Month

### Our Favorite Teletherapy Activities

By: Natalie Day, MS, CCC-SLP

Over the past several months, speech therapists everywhere have been learning how to make teletherapy fun, engaging, and beneficial to their clients. The SLPs at Columbus Speech & Hearing Center have created a list of some favorite tele-friendly activities, and they can also be used with parents at home!



### Mad Libs

- A quick Google search will allow you to find endless Mad Libs to complete at home! Work on reading, writing, sentence grammar (verbs, adjectives, plural nouns, word order...), story elements

(characters, setting, problem, solution...) and more while creating silly and fun stories.

### What's in the Bag?

- Grab a grocery bag and take turns hiding different toys or objects from around the house inside. Whoever hides the object gives clues for the others to guess what it is! While playing this game you can practice describing ("It's green, round, and you can eat it"), question asking ("Is it something from the kitchen?"), and perspective taking (Does the guesser have enough information? Do I need to tell them more?).

### Digital Spinners

- Does your child need to practice some speech articulation sounds? Check out this FREE resource! Go to [TeachersPayTeachers.com](https://www.teacherspayteachers.com) and search for "Free Speech and Language Digital Spinners". Our therapists make great use of these and say that their clients love them, too!

### Trivia

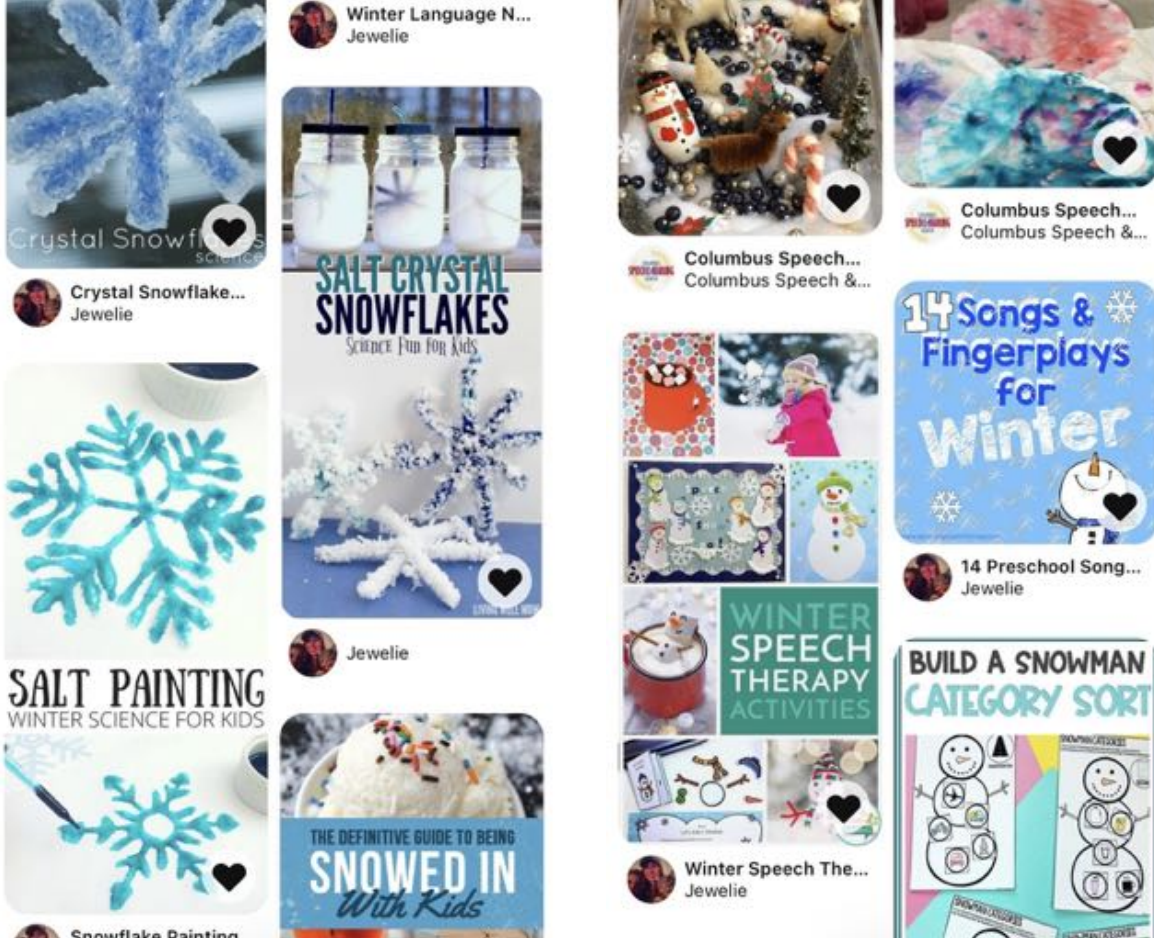
- Head to [UsefulTrivia.com](https://www.usefult trivia.com) to find all sorts of trivia topics! From sports to comic books and many topics in between, this website is perfect for school-aged kids who are working on answering Wh- questions (who, what, when, where, why, how), creating complete sentences, or just for fun!

### Rory's Story Cubes

- This educational game has endless possibilities – and you do not need to be a speech therapist to take full advantage! Follow the directions included with the game to work on language skills, imagination expansion, concentration, and more. See who can make the funniest or scariest story! Available at [StoryCubes.com](https://www.storycubes.com), Amazon, and Target.

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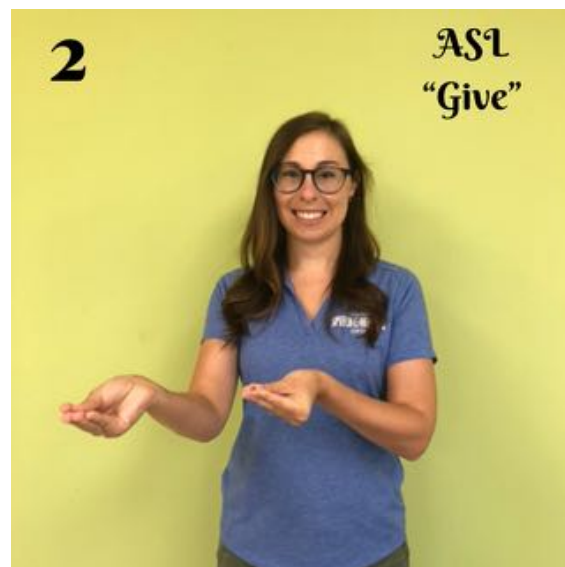
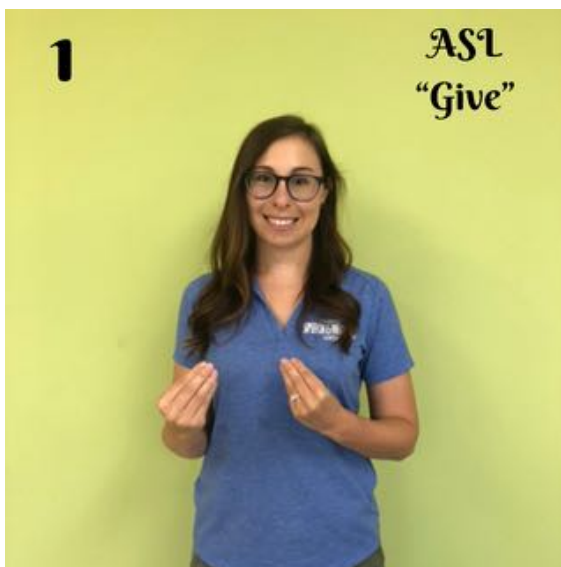
[Click here to check out CSHC's Winter Activities Pinterest Page](#) for crafts, activities, and games for winter.



## Sign of the Month

The sign of the month for December is "Give" for the season of giving! The word "give" is one of the top 100 words used in the English language and is frequently used to request, for example "give me" or "give \_\_\_ to me".

[Click here for a list of the top 100 words used in the English language.](#)



Thank you to everyone that participated in our virtual Usborne Book Fair last month! We hope you enjoy your new books and appreciate your support for our center!

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**AGE REC 9M+**  
Babies and toddlers will put their pointers to use as they learn simple vocabulary words illustrated on themed pages.

**AGE REC 1+**  
When the pictures on the cards are pressed, your child will hear the words. This is a fun and interactive way to build vocab.

**AGE REC 2+**  
This collection of nine tiny board books will help your child learn 100 commonly used words.

**AGE REC 18M+**  
Each page features darling illustrations and prompts to get your child talking about what is observed.

**AGE REC 3-7**  
Charming scenes and questions encourage speech/language development, taking turns and decision-making.

**AGE REC 6+ AND 8+**  
These great homework helpers will grow vocab and strengthen writing skills.

**AGE REC 8+**  
Perfect for active imaginations and creative self-expression, these activity books will help your child hone language and writing skills.

## National Stuttering Association Meeting

December's NSA meeting will be a virtual Zoom on Thursday, December 3rd at 7 PM. Current NSA members will receive an email invite to this meeting.

If you are interested in attending your first NSA meeting please email Anna Lichtenstein at [alichtenstein@columbusspeech.org](mailto:alichtenstein@columbusspeech.org).



[Check out this flyer for more information about NSA.](#)

[Click here to check out FRIENDS website for additional upcoming events this month.](#)



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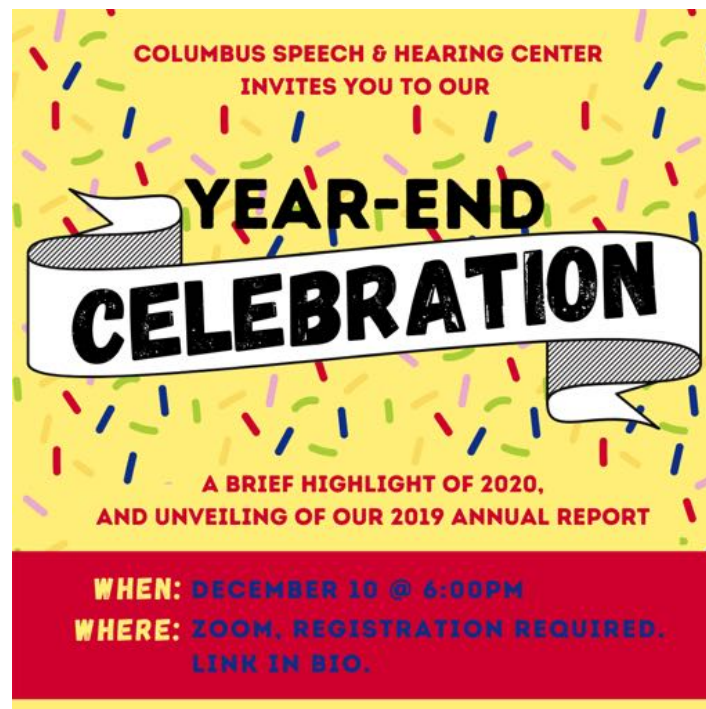
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Today is #GivingTuesday! A world-wide day of giving to further the missions of your favorite nonprofits. Here at CSHC our mission is to improve communication for ALL! We do this by serving regardless of age, race, gender, income, and insurance. As one of the few Medicare/Medicaid providers in Columbus, we rely on donations from people like you to cover the cost of care for patients in need.

Please consider donating to Columbus Speech & Hearing Center, you can be the difference for those we serve! [Donate now!](#)

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We're hosting a Year-End Celebration and YOU'RE INVITED! Join us for a fun 15-minute party where we'll celebrate 2020 and unveil our 2019 Annual Report! Whether you're a patient, client, speech & hearing professional, or community member, we want to celebrate

with YOU! We'll feature special guests including Board President, Robert Rupp & CEO, James O. Dye. One lucky attendee will be entered to win a free Speech-Language-Hearing Screening and a \$25 gift card.

[Register here](#)

## Chatterboxes

If you are interested in talking with a license slp about your child's development as part of our Chatterbox Program please email Lora McConnell at [lmcconnell@columbusspeech.org](mailto:lmcconnell@columbusspeech.org).



[Click here for more information regarding our Chatterbox program.](#)



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