

Know Me

NAME

*Blake
and my little brother, Ethan*

PASSION

Books

My Story

Hi! I'm Blake Moore and this is my little brother, Ethan. I am 6 years old and go to preschool at Stark DD's Eastgate Early Childhood and Family Center – Autism program. Ethan goes there too as part of the typical peer program.

My parents, Josh and Heather Moore, Ethan and my teachers from Early Intervention and Preschool are teaching me a lot. I have Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), so I may talk and interact with people differently, but I am also really good at a lot of things.

I love books!!! My mom will tell you that the first book I ever looked through was a phone book. "He's been nonstop since," says Heather.

Just like other kids my age, I am a huge Disney fan! I love Woody, Cars, and the Incredibles.

I am also really good at the alphabet and numbers. I am also very strong and mom says I have amazing balance. And guess what? I am a fast runner and love playing at the park.

But, here's what my mom wants people to know:

"As a parent of a child with autism, I take it a day at a time. I worry a lot like any parent. I just want what's best for him and for him to continue smiling. Blake didn't say Mom till he was almost 3. It's heartbreaking to have all these hopes and dreams for a child while you're pregnant and then all of it be so different.



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Ethan has helped Blake tremendously too. I try to instill in Ethan the importance of being different. He loves his brother so much and teaches him different things. Ethan will always be Blake's rock. I don't know where I would be without Ethan and his caring nature.

I don't know what my life would be like without Early Intervention or Stark DD's preschool program at Eastgate Early Childhood Center. Both programs showed and taught Blake in a way I couldn't connect. I give thanks every day when I can to the people who have molded Blake into the boy he is today. I don't know where I would be in this life without my Eastgate family.

I'm never good with words; I just know that without Early Intervention and Eastgate my sons wouldn't be the people they are today, and that is truly a blessing.



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