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Learning Disabilities

(NAPSA)—To make the most of available help, parents and teachers should look out for learning disabilities when kids start school and all through the year. Ninety percent of kids who get help by first grade can achieve normal reading ability.



The experts at the Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities suggest you watch for these early warning signs:

Preschool: Late talking; pronunciation problems; slow vocabulary growth, difficulty finding the right word; difficulty making rhymes; trouble learning numbers, alphabet, days of the week, colors and shapes ; extremely restless and easily distracted; trouble interacting with peers; poor ability to follow directions or routine.

Grades K-4: Slow to learn the connection between letters and sound; confuses basic words (run, eat, want); consistent reading and spelling errors; difficulty learning basic math concepts and signs; slow to recall facts; slow to learn new skills; impulsive, lack of planning; unstable pencil grip; trouble learning about time; poor coordination.

To learn more about learning disabilities, how to spot them and what to do about them, visit www.focusonlearning.org.