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• International Scholar Visits Therapro - A First!



Despite an impending snowstorm on Saturday (not another one!), a dedicated group of therapists came to the Therapro Showroom to hear Jill Massey, BSc Occupational Therapy, present [A Life Skills Program for Students, 10-19 Years of Age, Who are Deaf and Low Functioning](#). Jill, who is from the United Kingdom, is a visiting Master's Student in Occupational Therapy at Tufts University in Medford, MA. To learn more about Jill Massey, [click here](#).



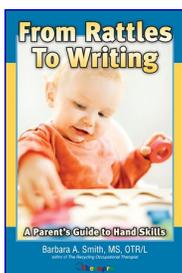
Her presentation started with an overview of pediatric OT practice in the UK; then she [described](#) the situation of hearing impaired and deaf children and in particular those with other disabilities. The majority of the seminar focused on the program for [improving life skills and promoting independence](#). As part of her Master's studies she is developing a research program to test the overall efficacy of the Life Skills Program. She concluded the presentation [describing the development of her research](#).



Karen Conrad Weihrauch, PhD, OTR/L
President, Therapro

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• Why Fine Motor Development?



Occupational therapists love fine motor skills. Why not? They are the basis of handwriting, tool use (including eating utensils), and lots, lots more! Now comes an article in [Psychology Today](#) making the observation that "when it comes to achievement, ...a robust predictor is fine motor skills." The article goes on to explore possible reasons for this connection and how this might be applied now and in the future. "It is the visual-spatial integration

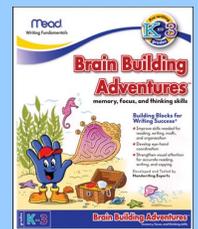
Specials

1. [Fine Motor Olympics Manual - 10% off](#)
2. [Fine Motor Olympics Activities - 20% off](#)
3. [Yogarilla Cards - 10% off](#)
4. [Giant Nuts and Bolts - 10% off \(both sizes\)](#)

Featured Products

Brain Building Adventures

This is one of the best Perceptual Motor Workbooks we have seen! Includes 3 different entertaining quests/stories full of visual perceptual and working memory tasks. These visual perceptual skills are needed for reading, writing, math and organizational skills.



Super Sorting Pie

Provides visual clues and reinforces fine motor skills when children use jumbo tweezers, featuring depressions that guide little hands into the proper pincer grip.



Design & Drill Activity Center

Great for eye hand coordination and visual perception! Create your own designs, or follow the activity cards to make pictures and patterns. Just snap any one of the drill bits into the power drill or the screwdriver handle, grab a handful of big bolts, and turn on the fun.



Day and Night

A great perceptual activity! Copy the patterns shown on the enclosed cards with the colorful 9 wooden pieces. Begin with a "night" version where you only see silhouettes. Turn the pattern





element of fine motor skills that matters for achievement." The authors cite a long list of published research that supports their observations.

● February Sale Bin



Please view our [Sale Bin](#) for all of our February specials. These are first quality products that are either overstocked or have been discontinued. Please look frequently, as we update this often.

over and see the "day" version. The 24 challenge cards vary in difficulty.

Seminars

All seminars are free, and are held Saturdays from 9-11 AM in our Showroom.

Upcoming confirmed events:

March 29, 2014

[**Self-Care with Flair: Teaching Self-Care Skills Through Pictures & Rhyme**](#)

Speaker: Bhanu Raghavan, MS, OTR/L

April 26, 2014

[**Sensory Integration and Self-Regulation: A Mental-Health Perspective on Integration Disorders**](#)

Speaker: Silke Plesch

May 17, 2014

[**Bullying: Understanding the Basics**](#)

Speaker: Iris G. Leigh, CAGS, OTR/L

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