

Elk Grove Unified School District
O&M Teacher Report

Name: Kaleb Xiong
O&M Specialist: Chris Peterson

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DOB: 3/13/20

Background Information:

Kaleb is a 3 year 2 month old child whose family resides in Elk Grove. He was assessed for Orientation & Mobility services between March 1st and April 17th at the Donner Elementary Preschool Assessment Center as well as at his family's home. Information was obtained through observation and parent interview as well as records review. Kaleb was very willing and able to participate in this assessment, therefore the test results appear to be a valid representation of his O&M abilities.

According to an ophthalmology report from Dr. Irma of Kaiser Permanente dated January 19, 2023, Kaleb has no light perception in either eye. He also exhibits mild and stable band keratopathy (corneal degeneration). See the visual assessment report for future details on his visual impairment.

Kaleb received weekly Orientation and Mobility services from the SCOE infant development program. He has a 34 inch cane with a metal tip.

Present Levels:

Home Observation:

Part of the assessment took place in Kaleb's home during one of his VI lessons with the SCOE TVI, Mrs. Cherry. During the observation it was noted that when walking in indoor environments Kaleb will follow the wall and trail with his hands or will walk in free space, holding his hands out in front of himself to contact what he is walking towards. He is very comfortable and familiar moving independently in his home and will independently travel between rooms where he knows the arrangement of furniture and doors. He walked at an age appropriate time according to his parents. Kaleb can be clingy in new situations. He can do stairs, but tends to crawl up and down them. He uses his feet to feel texture changes such as hard floor to carpet. Kaleb is not tactually defensive, although he prefers hard and firm textured items.

Kaleb is very curious boy and readily explores things around his immediate environment with his hands and asking questions about things he happens to be touching. At one point he sensed the assessing O&M specialist's presence on the family's couch and came over to investigate who it was. He can identify circle, square and triangle. Kaleb can point to various body parts including his nose, mouth, eyes, ears, head, toes, knees, feet, elbow, teeth, tongue and neck. He can also touch body parts when their function is described. Kaleb is able to identify activities by sound such as closing of a door or washing dishes, as well as by smell.

Outside, Kaleb freely walks on different surfaces including pavement and grass. He will follow voices when walking with his cane and is good with using voice directionality. He has had exposure to using a cane and knows how to sweep with it. During part of the home observation, he used his cane to explore in front of his house, tapping it against different surfaces to hear how they sound. He used the cane to trail along to wall and taped it against the garage door when walking along that area.

Preschool Environment:

When he first was exposed to the preschool assessment center classroom, Kaleb at first just wanted to be held by his dad, but as he became used to the sounds in the classroom, he initiated more independent exploration. During the preschool evaluation Kaleb freely explored the room in a systematic manner, going around the perimeter and walking slowly forward with his hands held out or trailing along the wall. He showed no timidity during this time, even protesting when he was not allowed to explore certain areas. When encountering objects along the wall such as on shelves, he would explore what the item was with his hands and ask questions about what he was feeling. He also used his hearing to direct himself to things of that sounded interesting.

Kaleb maintained his head in an upright position and body in an erect posture when walking, with his shoulder and arms in a relaxed position. He positioned his feet in the direction of travel. He also maintained adequate speed when walking.

Summary & Recommendations:

Kaleb was a very enjoyable boy to assess, being curious about the environment around him. He exhibits some fundamental cane skills and will initiate exploration with a familiar adult. He demonstrates age appropriate knowledge of body image concepts and some positional concepts.

It is recommended that Kaleb receive direct O&M services on a weekly basis. The focus should center on indoor travel abilities and protective techniques including trailing, as well as outdoor travel and cane skills. Positional and spatial concepts should also be taught.

It has been a pleasure assessing Kaleb and I look forward to instructing him in the future.

Chris Peterson,
Orientation & Mobility Specialist