

Ty Ankrom's Here's What I Think ...

Last week I wrote about the benefits of summer learning.



In July, three speech-language pathologists will be a part of that effort through the summer speech clinic offered at the Head Start building.

The clinic is designed primarily for students from preschool to first grade but students can be as old as 13, said Bethany McFerin, who is overseeing the clinic.

This is the third year Bethany has been involved with the clinic and said that each year gives her experience for the year ahead.

"I know more (now) about what to expect as far as scheduling

and dividing up the caseload."

That caseload will be divided among Bethany and Sara Christ, from the ESC, and Circleville City Schools' Amanda Hamman.

Bethany said the pathologists will work off the students' IEP goals using fun activities that can be adapted for different ages.

While Bethany may use some of the summer to prepare for the clinic, "A lot of the stuff (we do with the kids) can be taken from school-year activities," she said.

The goal of the speech clinic is to keep children learning, Bethany said.

"Any repetition they get is good," she said. "They may get more comfortable and come out of their shells."

Clinic dates are July 5, 6, 11, 12,



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18, 19, 25 and 26. Parents and guardians who are interested in enrolling children can call the ESC at (740) 474-7529 to see if room is still available.

The ESC is able to provide the summer clinic through a partnership with Hands for the Disabled and the four county school districts.

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