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## *From Mischievous to Curious*

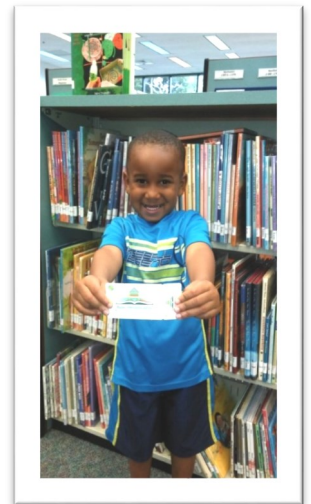
I am Debra H. Floyd, the great aunt of Aden Gordon and Jakii Washington (relative care giver of Jakii Washington).

Jakii was placed with me by the courts, and like any child that are separated from their parents, he came with issues. The HIPPY Program has changed my nephew for the better. He has gone from being a mischievous little boy, to displaying an eagerness to learn, and a curious little boy. His excitement has developed into him displaying confidence. His daycare teacher has shared and bragged about how much advanced he is over the other children when it comes to his letters and sounds.

The first book was "Sounds I Hear". After reading the book a couple of times, I watched as his eyes just light up. Needless to say, he was listening for all kinds of sounds. In the week 3 activities, the wind chime was his favorite, along with number counting! So now, he continues to check his wind

chime daily and surprisingly listens to the weather report along with me.

Jakii and Aden are shocking everyone with their increased vocabulary. I just know that when Jakii and Aden enter Kindergarten they will be well prepared. I am thankful that I am playing a role as their most influential teacher, and of closing any gaps that they may have encountered.



*Debra Floyd, Hillsborough HIPPY Parent*