



Fitting pegs into holes—it's a challenge, but it improves fine coordination



A pause, some thought . . .

Just Katy ...'a normal, active kid?'

Katy just turned five. She has the winning charm and ready smile of most five year olds, and she can already tie her shoes. That's no small trick for the typical five year old.

And Katy is a typical five year old. Except she was born without a right arm or leg.

You hardly notice it, though. The smiling face and laughing eyes stop you, hold you—and, well, she's just plain old Katy.

It looks like it's going to keep going that way, too. Thanks to the therapists at Farmington's Clevendale School, Katy's learning skills and dexterity, learning to meet the challenges of the future—including the kindergarten classes she'll be entering next year.

"She's one — the youngest — of our four normal, active kids," says her mother.

Meanwhile, Katy keeps on practicing craft skills that some kids a year older aren't even thinking of yet. And if you can't find her in her classroom or at home, you might look in the flowering crabapple tree in her front yard. She climbs it from time to time.

And, oh yes, she mentioned that she's looking forward to trading in her tricycle for a two-wheeler.

Keep it up, Katy.



It fits . . .

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