



Dear EEO supporters,

When setting out to share the joy and pride in this year's Progress Report, no words seemed to fit my immense gratitude. So many children have been given the opportunities they deserve. It is all because of the generous people involved.

(therapists, teachers, donors, volunteers, Ministry of Ed).

I may have planted the seed (18 years ago!) but the inspiration to keep EEO Bahamas programs going strong is fueled by your generosity and care. ♥ Together, we are making a difference and it continues to grow thanks to you. Please consider extending your support for the school years ahead.

~ With gratitude,

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EEO Bahamas Founder



This is not all of us ...our collaboration with so many generous volunteers, therapists and seminars speaker that give of their heart and time are an expansive crew of good-hearted people!

We work together because of the amazing progress we see in the children.

Enjoy our 2018-2018 Progress Report and consider sharing our new EEO video that shows some of this year's highlights and gives inspiration to others that care and want to make a difference.

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Working With Hope

An article by Katherine L. Fombo Brown
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Hope and I were working in a pre-k level math book. I wanted to know which number words she knew.

There were pictures depicting first day of school items: six books, eight pencils, and one backpack.

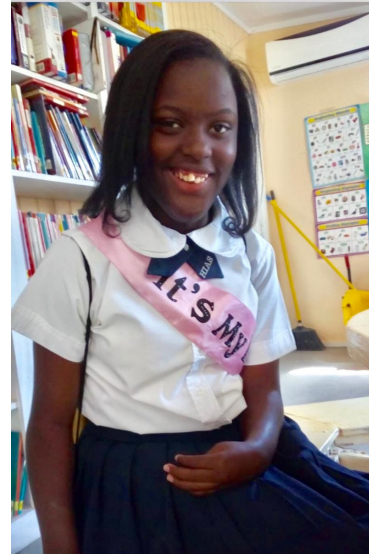
Hope stopped me, as she's accustomed to do.

"How do you spell 'pencil'?" she asked me.

"P-e-n-c-i-l", I spell out to her as I write. She picked up her pencil and wrote the same. "And this is a school bag."

"I know," she quickly replied, "B-a-g. Bag!"

I was floored! Until that day I had no idea that Hope could spell!



The Harbour Island All-Age School serves approximately 400 students. Both primary and secondary students arrive in neatly pressed navy blue uniforms and ties. Girls may wear jumpers or skirts with their white blouse. Boys wear white shirt tucked in belted trousers. Lighter blue shirts are worn by students of distinction: prefects, head girls and head boys.

In that sea of blue it is hard to distinguish the exceptional learners from their peers. Hope is one of thirty students that receives special educational assistance. Yet even among this group, Hope is a student of rare distinction.

Hope has cerebral palsy: a condition that has impaired her cognitive abilities as well as resulted in paralysis on her left side. In spite of these challenges, Hope certainly lives up to her name. She is always cheerful and genuinely glad to see her various teachers.

Exceptional Education Outreach (EEO) is a public, non-profit special education and literacy project operating in the Family Islands of Eleuthera and Harbour Island. Over the past six years of working with Hope EEO is pleased to report that Hope great strides.

Hope has transitioned to the secondary school. She receives appropriate accommodations in most of her classes, especially in Music, Physical Education, Science and Spanish. EEO has daily instructional time with Hope. In our center Hope selects books and can read at her level with confidence. Presently she can recognize 36 sight words. (Past testings she only recognized "I" in print, but not necessarily as a word.)

She is encouraged to use her afflicted hand to steady her paper when writing, pick up and hold small objects. Hope is also crafty and competitive when playing learning games. She can match the speed of other learners in my small group in sight word, initial letter sounds, and CVC spelling games. Hope loves to win.

Hope is a thriving student. In spite of her challenges, she has great potential which EEO will continue nurture. It is for students like Hope we advocate.



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