



IPad a Huge Boost to Spirits, Academic Success of Young Girl

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Spirits

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Haley is a delightful, beautiful 11-year-old girl attending the fifth grade at Metter Intermediate School who was born with a disability. Tetra-Amelia Syndrome is the absence of all limbs and Haley has Amelia Syndrome, which is the absence of both arms. It is so rare that only a few cases have ever been reported.



Haley is amazing and does everything with her feet and toes, including writing and feeding herself. Through the combined efforts of the Division of Developmental Disabilities, Haley was presented with an iPad. She is now able to take notes in class and teachers download her homework and information from text books, which are so heavy they caused her back pain. Different applications assist Haley academically and she uses a Bluetooth keyboard, a huge help with her writing skills. With the iPad Haley feels more like her peers.

Carol Smith, Pineland Board Member and Parent Liaison for the school, is honored to work with the family support program in Candler County. It is her goal to make lives better and easier and feels that the money for the iPad was well spent and brings Haley so much joy. She also feels fortunate to have Haley attend the Metter Intermediate School because she has made it a better place for everyone else.

According to Haley's mother, she has a leg length discrepancy as well and is scheduled for more surgeries in November. She will be confined to bed rest but can stay connected with her wonderful iPad.

