

A SAFE, CREATIVE PLACE

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Meet Noah.

In part thanks to the the time he spends at the Funhouse, Noah is a friendly, happy 2nd grader who enjoys exploring all there is to do on the Funhouse grounds.

Noah has lived on Orcas Island his whole life. His dad is a chef at New Leaf and his mother works there, too. According to Noah, they love the Funhouse as much as he does. They're happy he has a safe place to be after school where he can learn fun new things with people and kids who care about him.

Noah is also learning to play guitar. That's why he's super excited about the new music room at the Funhouse and can't wait to try out the guitars *and* drums. During our interview, Noah discovered a new appreciation for the upstairs game room. My mom was able to teach him how to play Foosball which he thoroughly enjoyed (see photo below for proof). He says he's learned so many new games at the Funhouse that he can't name all of them.

He's also learned how to make new friends and friends are one of his favorite things about his time spent at the Funhouse. His friend Manny in the photo below is someone he really enjoys playing with. When you ask Noah what he thinks about Orcas Island or the Funhouse his answer is always enthusiastic and the same: "I totally love it!"

