



I'm a Sensational Kid!

I mean, I have **Sensory Processing Disorder**. That just means that my brain can't process sensory information the right way. When my brain gets information through any of my senses — sight, smell, hearing, taste, touch, vestibular or proprioception — it doesn't always know what to do with that information and I become very disorganized and confused. Sometimes I overreact to this sensory input and sometimes I don't react enough. This makes it *really* hard for me to function at school, in public and even at home! I might have trouble learning or making friends. I might be really shy and withdraw from everyone, even my own mom! I might have trouble coping and have a lot of tantrums and meltdowns. I might be afraid of a lot of activities that kids usually enjoy. It's super tough.

So, *Do You Know Me?* Or maybe someone like me? Well, there are lots of things you can do to help me. Being patient and understanding is a great place to start! But then you need to talk to my doctor or an Occupational Therapist and they can help you to help me feel better, learn better, behave better and *get better!*

Oh, yeah! I really *am* sensational, by the way!