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Senator Paula Dockery visits the Achievement Academy

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Senator Paula Dockery visited the Achievement Academy on Monday, June 1st to see the special lives that are being changed every day. During her visit, Senator Dockery and her Legislative Assistant, Sarah Hardy spent time with some of the students. Joining them was Randy Hollen, Achievement Academy's 1st Vice President. Student Evan enjoyed sharing his excitement about graduating from the Achievement Academy and going to Kindergarten next year. He also enjoyed telling the Senator a joke, expressing his sense of humor. This is quite an accomplishment considering Evan's language was delayed when he entered the Achievement Academy at 2 ½ years of age. The Senator was able to visit with other students such as Devlin, while they went through their morning routine. Part of Devlin's physical therapy plan is spending up to 30 minutes a day in a Supine Stander to strengthen his muscles and to develop stability for sitting and standing activities.

The Achievement Academy is a Pre-Kindergarten Charter School providing education and therapy services to children with developmental delays/disabilities in Polk

County. The Achievement Academy assists children through age six and their families through education, support, resources and advocacy at each of its three locations - Lakeland, Bartow and Winter Haven.

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