**Conversational Sign Language 1a**

Fall Semester 2017

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**Semesters offered**: Fall 2017

**Time**:11:00a-12:30pm

**Day**: Monday (Sept 11, 18, 25 Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec 4)

**Place:** New Hope Fellowship of Southwest Michigan, Paw Paw

**Directive**: In Conversational Sign Language you will learn the manual alphabet, proper sign positions, and build a solid vocabulary foundation to begin conversing in sign among peers. Deaf culture will be introduced and understanding of differences between deaf, Deaf, and hard-of-Hearing ‘labels’ covered. A basic understanding of ASL, SEE, and Pidgin Sign will be explored pertaining to d/Deaf culture. Knowledge and growth will be charted each class through quizzes/worksheets, a midterm signing project, and a final project of a student chosen song/poem performed in sign.

This class is a pass/fail class. Students are expected to attend at least 80% of classes and participate fully in video/live performances. Students must show basic skill in forming signs (expressive) and being signed to (receptive). Missing a class may cause student to fall behind.

**Age/Grade:** 3rd grade +

**Prerequisite:** none

**Course Materials:** “The Joy of Signing” textbook will be provided (one per family).

**Course Schedule**

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| September 11 | Introduction, manual alphabet, numbers, classifiers; d/Deaf culture will be woven throughout the course, not specific to one given session. |
| September 18 | Review manual alphabet, family relationships |
| September 25 | Review/quiz; Pronouns, Question Words, & Endings and Time signs; *Discuss mid-term project- conversation between two people* |
| October 2 | Review/quiz; Mental Action |
| October 9 | Review Chapters 1-4 |
| October 16 | Review; *Mid-term conversations.*  Emotion, and feeling signs |
| October 23 | Review/quiz;  Animal signs |
| October 30 | Review/quiz; Communication signs  *Choose song/poem for final!* |
| November 6 | Review/quiz;  People, occupations, money signs |
| November 13 | Review/quiz; Education signs |
| November 20 | Review/quiz; Food |
| November 27 | Review/quiz; Quality, kind, & condition signs |
| December 4 | Celebrate your success! Class will consist of individual performances before classmates. |