

A young boy with a joyful expression is sitting at a desk in a classroom. He is wearing a light blue button-down shirt under a dark grey sweater vest. His right hand is raised high in the air, palm facing forward, as if he wants to answer a question. He is holding a yellow pencil in his left hand. In the background, a green chalkboard is visible with some faint, illegible writing. The overall scene is bright and positive.

## CHECKLIST OF SYMPTOMS WHICH MAY INDICATE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A VISION PROBLEM:

### *Physical Clues:*

- ▶ Red, sore or itching eyes
- ▶ Jerky eye movement, one eye turning in or out
- ▶ Squinting, eye rubbing or excessive blinking
- ▶ Headaches, dizziness or nausea after reading
- ▶ Head tilting, closing or blocking one eye when ready

### *Performance Clues:*

- ▶ Avoidance of near work; Frequent loss of place
- ▶ Omits, inserts or re-reads letters or words
- ▶ Confuses similar looking words
- ▶ Failure to recognize the same word in a sentence
- ▶ Poor reading comprehension
- ▶ Letter or word reversals after 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- ▶ Difficult copying from the chalkboard
- ▶ Poor handwriting, misaligns numbers
- ▶ Books held too close to the eyes
- ▶ Inconsistent or poor sports performance

### *Secondary Symptoms:*

- ▶ Smart in everything but school
- ▶ Low self-esteem, poor self image
- ▶ Temper flare-ups, aggressiveness, frequent crying
- ▶ Short attention span, day dreaming
- ▶ Fatigue, frustration, stress, irritability

### *Labeled*

- ▶ Laxy, Dyslexic, attention deficit disorder
- ▶ Slow learner, behavioral problem, common goal to correct the child's vision development problems

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