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## RACHEL COLEMAN, CO-CREATOR AND HOST OF SIGNING TIME! PERFORMS AT FOREST CREEK ELEMENTARY, FAULK CENTRAL LIBRARY & DIA DE LOS NINOS/DIA DE LOS LIBROS FESTIVAL

Dozens of Little Kids Will Learn American Sign Language (ASL) Through Music and Live Demonstrations

Who and What:	Rachel Coleman, co-creator and host of the successful Signing Time! DVDs and videos series as well as the Signing Time! PBS series which airs on KLRU-TV will be performing at Forest Creek Elementary School, Faulk Central Library & Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros Festival, teaching American Sign Language (ASL) through music and Signing Time Live demonstrations to children.
When :	<u>Friday, April 28, 2006</u> Forest Creek Elementary School 8:00am – 9:00am (closed to the public)
	Faulk Central Library 12:15pm – 12:45pm
	<u>Saturday, April 29, 2006</u> Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros Festival 10:30am (outside stage) 12:00pm (inside library) 1:00pm (inside library)
Where:	Forest Creek Elementary School 3805 Forest Creek Drive Round Rock, TX 78664 512-664-5350
	Faulk Central Library 800 Guadalupe Street Austin, TX 78701

	Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros Festival Held at the St. John Library/J.J. Pickle Elementary School 7500 Blessing Avenue Austin, TX 78752
Why:	The smartest playtime activity, hands down it's Signing Time! Play, sing, and sign along with Signing Time while learning American Sign Language! This multi-sensory program introduces children to a "hands on" second language. It is natural and fun for them to use their bodies to communicate. Research shows that, when empowered with even a few simple ASL signs:
	<ul> <li>babies and toddlers can express their needs through sign long before they can speak (resulting in fewer tantrums!)</li> <li>school-aged children can develop larger vocabularies and better reading skills while learning a second language</li> <li>children with special needs or developmental delays can find their own "voice"</li> </ul>
	Signing Time makes learning sign language easy and fun for the whole family.
	With an unparalleled multi-sensory approach (encouraging learning through three senses: visual, auditory, and kinesthetic), Signing Time reaches children with diverse learning styles and abilities by encouraging interaction through signing, singing, speaking, and dancing.
	Featuring the remarkable Rachel Coleman, her daughter Leah (who is deaf), Alex (Leah's cousin, who can hear) and their animated pet frog "Hopkins", the Signing Time series teaches hundreds of ASL vocabulary-building signs that are useful in daily life.
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