Materials needed:

"Will Little Sparrow Fly?" from the Red Book reader, All Around the Farm. (See page 2).

Day 1

1. a. Find the story, "Will Little Sparrow Fly?" from the reader All Around the Farm. Read it to or with your student.

b. Talk to your student about the story. You may use these questions to help you in your discussion.

1) Tell me this story in your own words. Allow your student to use the pictures if needed.

2) What is Little Sparrow trying to do? fly

3) Even though Mama said he would fly one day, he has doubts. Why does he doubt? Brown Chick tells him he can't fly.

4) How does Pig help Little Sparrow overcome his doubts? Pig told him a story about Little Sparrow's past. Pig told him that Little Sparrow had learned to do new things and how truthful Mama had been in the past.

5) Why did Little Sparrow have to wait before he could fly? He had to grow bigger and stronger before he was ready to fly.

6) Why did he still try everyday? He didn't know when he would be ready to fly, so he tried everyday.

7) Was Little Sparrow a failure when he tried everyday and still fell down? Why or why not?

8) Did you like the story? Was there anything you didn't like about it? Explain it to me.

9) Can you tell me some things you can easily do now that you could not do two years ago, such as ride a bike, skate, read, write, etc.?

c. Ask your student, to write or dictate two to three sentences telling what he can do now that he could not do two years ago. Write them on blank paper so he can draw pictures on the paper.
WILL LITTLE SPARROW FLY?

Little Sparrow fell down from the tree.  
Plop! Plop!  
Brown Chick said, "You fell! Hee, hee!  
Do you think you can fly?"

"Mama Sparrow said I would fly one day.  
I have to try and then I will fly,"  
said Little Sparrow.

"You are like a chick.  
You look like you can fly, but you can not,"  
said Brown Chick.
Little Sparrow was sad.
Mama Sparrow said he could fly when it was time.
Now, he did not think he could fly at all.
He sat down.
Drops of tears fell from his face.

Pig sat in the mud.
He could see Little Sparrow.
"Come here, Little Sparrow," Pig said.
"I have a tale to tell you.
In that tree, there was a nest with an egg in it."
In the egg was a very little sparrow.
The little sparrow would try to crack the egg.
Mama Sparrow said he would crack the egg
when it was time.
Now, he should rest.
He could try the next day.
Then one day...crack!
He did it!
He made a crack.
That same sparrow would get big one day
and fly.
Tell me, Little Sparrow, should you do what
Mama Sparrow said?
Should you trust her?
Who was that little sparrow?"

“That sparrow was me,” said Little Sparrow.
“When I was very little, I had to wait for the time
to crack the egg.
I could trust Mama Sparrow then,
and I will trust her now.”
Little Sparrow did not give up.
He would try and fall down.
Then he would try the next day.
Little Sparrow fell ten times.
Pig was a big help.
He would yell, "Good try, Little Sparrow."

Then one day, Little Sparrow could fly to the top of the tree.

He could see the trees below him.
Little Sparrow called to Pig,
"How do you like this try?"

"It is time for you to fly, Little Sparrow," smiled Pig.