

Five-year-old Zayden is a very energetic, well-adjusted child. Zayden lives with his Dad who shared that Zayden is very, very talkative and he likes to repeat/parrot back everything he hears. He is comfortable discussing his illness. One of his favorite topics is food and how much he loves food. Zayden loves playing on his tablet, spending time with other kids, and sharing his toys.

When Zayden meets new people, he reacts differently depending on the person. He has no verbal, mental, or emotional delays; however, he is still young and continues to be monitored for delays. Although he currently does not attend school, he is being registered at his local elementary school. Zayden was born prematurely at 32 weeks and stayed in the NICU. Four days after birth, he became very sick and started to display gastrointestinal (GI) symptoms. Zayden is doing mostly well now and learning how to eat regular food. He has lab work once a week and is on a waitlist for physical therapy.

Zayden's wish day was nothing short of unforgettable! He rolled up in style in a limo to one of his favorite places, Target! Where the amazing staff went above and beyond to make him feel like a VIP. He spent the day picking out all his favorite games and electronics, and his excitement was contagious! It was a joy to see his wish come to life in such a fun and meaningful way.







