

Hey Kids!

My name is CALi and I'm the new spokespuppy for Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning. Commissioner Amy M. Jacobs recently adopted me and asked me to help her spread the word about Georgia's Pre-K and Instructional Supports, Quality Rated, Nutrition, and the health and safety of Georgia's youngest learners in child care settings. I can't wait to get started!

I'm smarter than the average dog because I've had a quality early *canine* education. You've probably met my friends Pete the Cat, Curious George, and the Mouse with the Cookie. Now, DECAL has its own mascot to serve as a Goodwill Ambassador. Just consider me as your Deputy Dog Commissioner of Hugs and High Fives. When your day is going "ruff," I'm the one to call and "heel" all your troubles.

To help us get things started, we're having a contest on Facebook! Simply take a photo of your class with a message to me and post it before **Friday, January 29, 2016**. We'll randomly select **ONE PROGRAM** from all the photos posted to receive a special visit from Commissioner Jacobs and me early next year. Be sure to include the name of your school or center. So be creative...and post your photos now!

I can't wait to visit your classroom. Have a great day!

