

With a little luck and lots of training and talent, a young Grant resident has a chance at becoming a familiar face as a child model and actor.

Kaden Sinner, a third grader at Perkins County Elementary School, has recently been accepted by Marbles Kid's Talent, Inc. of Denver, an agency that provides children for television commercials, film, video, advertising, public relations, catalog and stage productions.



According to his dad, Jake, Kaden's striking blue eyes and wavy hair have attracted attention since he was little. Recently, a representative of "Marbles" encouraged him to apply at the agency, where children from eight days up to 18 are represented.

Key to Kaden's admittance to the agency were photos taken by Grant photographer Andi Lee, said Kaden's dad.

The "Marbles" children receive training in ramp modeling, media and voice over among other skills through the agency. The kids learn to speak into a microphone and use facial expressions and voice fluctuations to show emotion and emphasize words.

A professional photo shoot results in a "comp card" or "head card" with several photos and different poses for the company to present to clients.

The training alone has been a good experience for Kaden, and landing a modeling or acting job would just be icing on the cake for the eight-year-old who also loves football, soccer and four wheeling. The trips to Denver for training have also given him the opportunity to visit some of the city's landmarks, the zoo, museums and other points of interest.

Kaden's dad explained that the children at "Marbles" are classified in four groups: Media 1, 2, 3 and 4, with 4 being the newer and less experienced kids. Typically, they will start with print media such as catalogs.

Some of the children represented by "Marbles" have gone on to become well known actors and models, most notably Zachery Ty Bryan, one of the child actors on the popular 1990s sitcom, "Home Improvement." Bryan is originally from Aurora, Colo.

A niece of former president George Bush, Lauren Bush, a successful New York model, got her start at "Marbles" at the age of three.

Once a child has been signed on, the company emails audition information to the parents of any opportunity they feel is appropriate for the child. What Jake likes about the company is that the parent is in control and can turn any request down.

So far, Kaden has auditioned for an L.L. Bean catalog and McDonald's and Jell-O commercials, but has not yet landed a solid offer.