

Clark County Schools Speech/Language Pathology



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back!!! I hope that you and your child have had a great summer. My name is Brandy Shumake-Young and I will be your child's speech-language pathologist for the 2017-2018 school year. I will be working with your child to improve his/her speech and language skills. I will collaborate with your child's teacher to facilitate your child's speech sounds and early literacy skills with a multisensory instruction through the Visual Phonics Program that is implemented in the classroom.

All practice worksheets and activities that your child completes during his/her speech time will go home with them. Please review these worksheets with your child, as I like to make practice a functional activity within your child's preschool routine. I will give your child's teacher some additional ideas on how to incorporate speech practice into the daily schedule at school. In addition, I will send home target words and activities for you to help your child practice at home.

Practicing strategies:

If your child has speech practice words, model the words for him/her to repeat emphasizing the target sounds, have your child repeat that word three times. Do the same with the rest of the words. Practice for a few minutes daily. You can do this at dinner, in the grocery store, while reading together etc.

If your child has language targets to practice, such as vocabulary or concepts, review those words at home. For example, if your child brings a paper with pictures and names of fruit, talk about the fruit on the page. You can follow up by cutting fruit out of magazines, looking for fruit at the grocery store, tasting different kinds of fruit, making fruit salad, putting fruit in jello, ect. I would be glad to help you with ideas.

If your child brings home stories, look at the pictures with them, ask them questions, review those papers with him/her, and then apply them to real life. For example, if your child is working on "who, what, where" questions, ask him/her these questions during daily activities. Again, I'd be happy to help you with ideas.

I look forward to an exceptional and fun filled year with your child. If there are any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call or send a note via your classroom teacher. I am happy to be working with you and your child!

Happy Speech and Language,

Mrs. Brandy

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