

Reading & Writing Group

To develop a love for literacy while improving reading and writing skills

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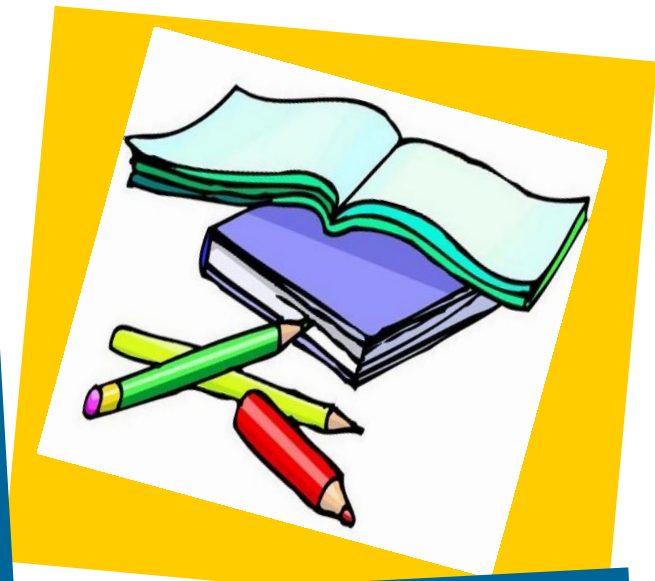
DATES, DAYS, & TIMES:

September 13-December 6
Wednesdays
4:00-5:25

(No session on November 22nd due to
Thanksgiving)

This group will take place 1x per week
for a total of 12 weeks

**Deadline to sign up:
September 1st**



COST:

\$295 Includes 12 group sessions,
materials (i.e. books, paper, science
experiment supplies), a progress
note and a collection of the writing
pieces created throughout the 12
weeks

* \$30 mini-eval, if needed

WHO:

Elementary aged kids

***See reverse for more
information and eligibility

WHERE:

Pediatric Therapy and
Learning Center

How do I sign up?

Once your child's eligibility is determined, you can reserve your child's spot with a \$100 nonrefundable deposit. The remaining \$195 is due before the first session.

Eligibility

We are trained to work with and welcome children with a diagnosis of language disorder, dyslexia, developmental delay, Autism, sensory processing disorder, and other developmental difficulties. If your child meets the following criteria, he/she would be a good candidate for this program:

- Difficulties with reading and/or writing or poor grades in school
- Can do some reading/writing independently
- Good attention when books are read aloud and during short classroom lessons/activities
- Is in a regular education class without assistance for a large portion of the day

Program Description

This program is designed to focus on improving your child's reading and writing through the use of a meaning-based approach to literacy. Enjoyment and interest in reading and writing are fostered in a natural and fun environment. Each child will experience literacy in a group setting as well as 1 on 1 with a reading buddy.

Program Design

Throughout the 12 weeks, your child will have the opportunity to participate in the following:

- * Dialogue journaling time (kids will have the opportunity to write letters to others including their peers and parents)
- * Group read-aloud (SLP will read aloud to the group and kids will be offered an opportunity to read aloud if interested)
- * 1 on 1 time (Each child will be assigned a reading buddy. This will be a high school or college aged student who volunteers his/her time to read with your child. The reading buddies will be trained to use specific strategies to foster improvements in reading and writing.)
- * Group activity (academic based activity that incorporates reading and writing for functional purposes ex: science experiment or scavenger hunt)
- * Mini lesson (SLP will conduct mini lessons or conferences with particular kids to discuss specific skills they are having difficulties with)
- * Writer's workshop (Independent writing time in which the therapist and trained volunteers offer support amongst the kids to facilitate the development of a writing piece)
- * Author's chair (Kids will have the opportunity to share their writing in front of the group and get feedback from their peers).

General Program Objectives

- Improve joy, interest, and confidence in reading and writing
- Improve use of meaning-based reading strategies to enhance comprehension
- Increase reading fluency
- Improve topic selection and fluency in writing
- Improve ability to edit and revise their writing
- Use reading/writing for functional purposes: following directions, writing letters, etc.

Who is invited to attend?

This program will be open to current clients as well as the general public. Interested parties who are not current clients at PTLC or who are not currently receiving literacy support at PTLC will require a 40 minute mini-eval with the SLP to determine eligibility and obtain an initial baseline.

- Fee: \$30

Waiting List

If more people are interested than there are spots available, please contact the front to be put on a waiting list. If an enrollee changes their mind, you will be notified. We anticipate opening up new sections of the group in January. So if we don't have space this fall, please let us know that you are interested in the January 2018 groups.