

- **Delivery of auditory analysis drills to increase phonemic awareness in students**
- **Work toward mastery in decoding ability and reading fluency**
- **Experienced in working with dyslexic students and those with attention deficit disorder**
- **Personalized procedures result in successful outcomes**
- **Experienced in working with both children and adults**
- **Improve processing speed, memory, and attention skills**



Reading fluency and comprehension is the pathway to knowledge for all subjects in school.

“I get it!”

“I understand the question.”

“I know what to do now!”

## Benefits of Cognitive Skills Training

*Ninety percent of my students that need help with reading skills, also need help in improving their **cognitive skill function**. For example, some students need to strengthen sensory-motor integration skills. Some need to strengthen working memory, or selected, divided, and sustained attention. **Overall general processing speed is a skill I work upon often with students.** Deficiencies in these areas can adversely affect reading, but also impede a student’s ability to quickly process math operations, take notes in class, or do well on tests. Through a series of drills that include beat, rhythm, timing, visualization and synchronization, improvement can be seen within the very first session. Many parents look for help by obtaining academic tutoring in school subject material. Sometimes that is precisely what a student requires. However, more often than not, underdeveloped underlying cognitive skills are the problem. The drills are fun. I think my students enjoy our time together because it feels more like they are working with a coach, and the drills are just that...drills. Students begin to enjoy the fun and the challenge, and engage quickly.*

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**/r/ is for reading /s/ is for success**

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**BETTER READING - BETTER GRADES**



“The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you’ll go.”

~Dr. Seuss~

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## Strengthening Skills and The Emphasis on Success

Daily emphasis on success is crucial to developing a student's drive and motivation. It comes early too, and can be experienced within the very first session together. I will quickly be able to determine your student's ability to distinguish



My students enjoy the feeling of success as we move toward mastery in reading.

between sounds (aural discrimination), and corrections are made quickly.

The following is a basic example. A student may look at the letter e and vocally produce /a/, the "phonetic sound" most often heard for the letter a. These subtle inconsistencies cause a problem with decoding ability.

Strengthening these foundational skills ensures the success every reader needs to achieve reading fluency, and as a result, full comprehension.

Students begin to "take control" as their awareness and comfort levels increase. They are soon

recognizing their own errors that were previously often ignored. The feeling of success begins to take root. They begin to look ahead to the joy of struggle free reading and the benefits that go along with it.

## Benefits of One-on-One Tutoring

In today's world, thankfully, we have many choices and options available to us in almost every area of our lives. Computer based technology has advanced in the area of education and supplemental tools, such as on-line learning.

However, findings indicate these methods are unequivocally **no replacement for human one-on-one interaction**. The benefits of working in private sessions are almost immeasurable.

The rapport between student and tutor is unique. A good, experienced tutor possesses an ability to "read" his or her student emotionally.

That tutor helps the student identify deficient areas as well as acknowledge and celebrate their strengths.

The immediate feedback delivered with human emotions, followed by immediate corrections, is essential to promote continued motivation in the student.

Getting a "High Five" and a smile goes a long way. I know it certainly makes **my** day! A happier student helps to make a better student!



A good rapport between tutor and student is essential. Mutual respect, encouragement, and praise is important.

## Scheduling

I often joke that I am like an orthodontist. I see kids after school! And all summer too.

During the school year I see students at my in home office Monday through Friday 3:00a - 9:00p, and Saturday 9:00a - 3:00p.

Scheduling for summer hours is broad and flexible to accommodate family schedules.

Prospective clients should know there is a great degree of flexibility in scheduling. Every effort is made to accommodate fluctuating family schedules that include other activities. With that said, a joint commitment to maintaining a consistent tutoring schedule is always appreciated and an integral factor in the progress the student will make.

\*Tutoring for basic math operations at the elementary school level is also available.

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