



LANGUAGE STRIDES

Building speech and language skills to support a lifetime of learning

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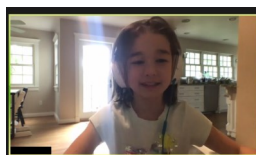
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Happy Birthday to LANGUAGE STRIDES!

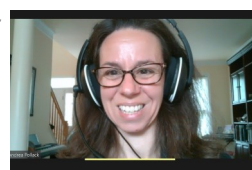
Language Strides turns 2 today. A second year of wonder and discovery has passed for both the children and for me. Let's look at all we've done together!

Introducing: The Strides Pack

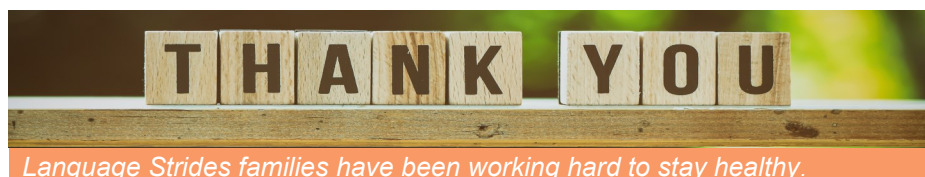
What is it? A supplement to therapy time, lending extra practice time for skills that require short, frequent attention. Use it for speech sound carryover, learning letter sounds, phonemic awareness for stronger reading skills, or academic skills such as memorizing math facts.



How does it work? Prepay weekly for a 30 or 60 minute "pack" which will be used in 10-15 minute tele-health sessions, distributing extra practice throughout the week. Plans are tailored to meet individual needs.



Who is it for? Our children with working memory difficulties learn best with frequent practice, which can be difficult for parents to manage between therapy sessions. Consider the **Strides Pack** if you find it hard to carve out time to work with your child or if your child is resistant to practicing with you.



Language Strides families have been working hard to stay healthy.

As we enter 2022, 100% of Language Strides parents and all of their children have gotten their COVID vaccines. Well done, LS families! This year, most families have had occasion to report symptoms or exposures, resulting in temporary changes in service delivery for themselves and sometimes for other families, too. We really are all in this together, and your candor in helping to keep all of us well is a big help.



Health screens, hand washing, and the use protective equipment continue, removing masks only briefly as absolutely necessary. The portable HEPA filter is here for when indoor sessions are necessary. Of course, we'll continue to defer to CDC guidelines for healthcare.



I was proud to receive the prestigious **Award for Continuing Education** again this year from the American Speech Language Hearing Association. **ACE** recipients complete 70 hours of education over a period of three years. In the past 2 years, I have exceeded ASHA's 3-year expectation twice. My commitment to this level of professional development is about putting the findings of the most current treatment research into practice every day.



Community Highlights: Kids Making STRIDES

A Kindergartener got the hang of his morning routine with the help of a visual schedule.

A 4-year-old learned a new speech sound that enabled her to say her name correctly for the first time.

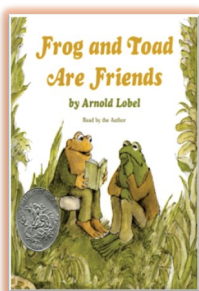


A 6-year-old used his interest in music to help him remember how to make a new speech sound.

A 1st grader started receiving Language Strides therapy in his private school, enabling him to have the therapeutic intensity he needs without exhausting him after school.

A 7-year old used a new set of skills that helped him read his first paragraph.

A 3rd grader started reading (and enjoying!) her first chapter books.



An 11-year old wrote a personal essay that he was deeply proud of.

IEP teams in 4 different public schools began to collaborate to find solutions for some of our hard-working children.



A Kindergartener took new pleasure in playing with letters of the alphabet.



Language Strides families came out to visit our spring chicks for a warm & fuzzy fundraiser for Friends of Frying Pan Farm Park.

Millions of cicadas observed earnest children learning speech and language in their backyards this summer. Some even joined in!



Thanks for reading!

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