
Welcome Back!

Pearl River School District Speech & Language

Dear Parents,

We welcome you back to the 2019-2020 school year in the Pearl River School District! We are very excited in speech and language therapy as we approach the autumn season. To facilitate articulation therapy, *5 Minute Kids* is a drill based program for students who have difficulty producing target sounds. It is an effective and efficient method of articulation practice to target multiple sounds in error.

We are eager to work with our students to continuously improve and expand their speech and language skills! As always, we also invite you to play an active role in speech and language at home. As you witness the change in color, temperature, and texture during this beautiful season, we encourage you to engage in conversation with your child to elicit descriptive vocabulary and expanded sentence forms through their unique observations.

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Questioning Prompts:

Present open-ended questions to your child to yield more descriptive responses!

- “Tell me your favorite/ least favorite part of the day.”
“Why?”
“How come?”
- “What did you do in *Special/ELA/Speech* today?”
- “Tell me about something you learned today?”
- “Tell me about a fun game you played at recess.”
- “What are you most/least excited for this week?”
- “What are you excited for in the next few weeks?”

5 Minute Kids

5 Minute Kids™ is an efficient and effective drill based therapy program for students with speech sound disorders. It was derived by an SLP with the goal of minimizing a student’s time out of the classroom and to maximize their production of target sounds. Time spent working on sound errors in improved as the student receives individualized speech therapy for 5 minutes 2-4 times a week depending on the severity and nature of the speech sound disorder. During this session the student will name pictures, imitate phrases, create sentences, and work on conversational speech. These individualized 5 minutes allows for 50 to 100 productions as opposed to the 20-30 produced during a traditional 30-minute session. To view the online testimonials and research behind this program please visit view the following: [5 minute kids additional info](#)

Speech Practice on the Go: 5 Easy and Simple ways to Practice Speech and Language in the Car

Car rides provide a great and convenient time to practice those speech and language skills. Get into the habit of practicing every time you're in the car to establish a routine of consistent practice. Listed below are some enjoyable ways to practice those skills on the go!

1. **Sequencing:** Have your child sequence the events of the day using those transition words (first, next, then).
 2. **Describing:** Practice describing items by playing "I Spy" with your child. Make sure to have them include category, function and parts.
 3. **Figurative Language:** Discuss the examples of figurative language that you hear in songs as you listen to the radio.
 4. **Wh- questions:** Ask your child a variety of wh- questions (Who, What, When, Where, Why) and encourage them to ask you questions as well!
 5. **Articulation:** Create a sound book focusing on the target sound your child is working on. A short car ride is the perfect time to practice!
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