

Reading Edge Academy

Speech-Language Pathology



Speech-Language Pathology

A Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) is a professional who helps children improve their communication skills. Areas that SLPs assist children with at The Reading Edge Academy include the following:

- Articulation –The motor production or perception of speech sounds, including deletion, substitution, addition, or distortion of sounds.
- Expressive & Receptive Language Skills- Expressing thoughts or understanding others' communication. Difficulties in these areas include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Limited verbal output
 - Difficulty organizing words in a clear manner
 - Difficulty comprehending spoken language
 - Decreased ability to follow directions
 - Phonological and Phonemic Awareness--The use of appropriate communication in social situations (knowing what to say, how to say it, and when to say it).
- Pragmatic Language – (Social language) skills
- Oral Motor Skills- Coordination or movement of articulators (tongue, lips, cheeks) for appropriate speech sound production.



Speech-Language Pathology

Speech Language Therapy services provided at The Reading Edge Academy include:

- Evaluation and Treatment of Speech and Language Disorders
- Consultations with Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Family Members, Occupational Therapist, and Private Practice Therapy Providers
- Problem Solving Team (PST) member involved in the process when there are concerns expressed by a child's parent or his/her teacher regarding the child's language or articulation skills.
 - Articulation concerns-- The first step is that the SLP will meet with the student to do an initial screening. Then a consultation with teachers and parents regarding findings and recommendations follow. In some cases, a full evaluation may be recommended. In other cases, interventions with no evaluation may be warranted/recommended. There are also instances that neither further intervention nor evaluation may be recommended or indicated, as the child may be performing at their developmental level.
 - Language concerns – The SLP will meet with the PST team and will be informed of the language concerns observed/reported. Signed consent for a screening must be obtained prior to the student being screened by the SLP due to language concerns.



Speech-Language Pathology

Speech Language Therapy services provided at The Reading Edge Academy continued...

- Aids in establishing appropriate interventions for students in the PST Process
- Establishes and implements Individual Education Plans (IEP) for students
- Provides weekly therapy services on campus during the school day
- Motivates, Encourages, and Reminds students that they can and will succeed, to always try their best, and to always believe in themselves!



Speech-Language Pathology

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's articulation or language skills, please contact the Speech Language Pathologist at The Reading Edge Academy using the contact information below:

Karen Plummer, MS, CCC-SLP

(386) 668-8911 Ext. 142

kplummer@readingedgeacademy.org

Monday-Friday 7:30-3:30

