

Jacksonville TUTORING SPECIALISTS

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NEWSLETTER



we INVITE YOU TO OUR 4th ANNUAL PICNIC Celebrate Dyslexia!

Join us for a fun afternoon of games and treats!





Saturday, April 5th 2 - 4 p.m. Losco Regional Park 10931 Hood Road

Please RSVP to dyslexiajax@gmail.com by Monday, March 29th





Hiring!!



Work with an amazing team and change students' lives forever! <u>Apply Now!</u>

Highlights:

- Dyslexia Celebration
- New Class April 8th
- What is SWI?
- Get your child to open up about school
- Summer classes
- Homeschool classes for 2025/2026
- Hiring

New Class-starting soon!

April 8th - New SWI

- 3:45-4:45 T/R
- 6 weeks/12 sessions
- 2000 Lane Ave. S
- <u>sign up here</u>



Structured Word Inquiry

What is it and will my child benefit?

Structured Word Inquiry uses a scientific inquiry approach to teach students that English spelling is logical and can be understood through the interrelationship of morphology, etymology, orthography, and phonology. Students learn that English words prioritize meaning over pronunciation. Every English word tells a story and has a history. Many programs prioritize sounding out, ignoring the other factors that determine the spelling of English words. Unfortunately, this leads to confusion for students as there are 1200 possible letter combinations for the 44 sounds in the English language. Having students try to memorize multiple spelling rules is rarely effective and leads to frustration for students, especially when they realize those rules do not always apply. In contrast, when students are given appropriate spelling instruction, this not only helps spelling but also improves reading, comprehension, and vocabulary.

For example, students learn that there is a reason there is a <g> in the word sign as there are many related words where the <g> is heard, such as signal and designate. *see the matrix in the top right-hand corner

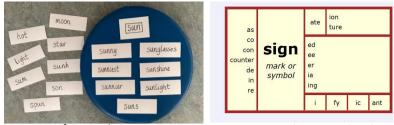


How to get your child to talk about their day

"How was your day?" This is usually our first question when our child gets in the car. "Fine," is the one word reply. Learn to ask open-ended questions and be creative.

- Tell me something that made you laugh today?
- What was the best thing that happened at school today?
- Where do you play the most at recess?
- Who is the funniest person in your class?
- What was your favorite thing in your lunch?
- If an alien came down to earth what student would you most want them to beam back up with them?

Additude Magazine is a great resource for learning how to communicate with your child as well as how to help them with Executive Function issues. <u>Click here</u> for the Conversation Starters.



from wordtorque.com

Peter Bowers- www.kingstonwordswork.com

Structured Word Inquiry uses various tools to introduce suffixes and prefixes to students as early as Kindergarten. The example picture from wordtorque uses word families with students defining words with the same meaning and structure in the circle. The matrix from Pete Bowers provides students a way to find all related words to the base <sign>. With SWI, we can use any material and can focus on the interests of our students. Please contact us to learn more about SWI.

For More Information on SWI

- <u>WordWorksKingston.com</u>
- <u>wordtorque.com</u>
- Book-Vocabulary and Morphology using SWI
- Book- <u>Structured Word Inquiry: An</u> <u>Implementation guide for teachers</u>
- Facebook Group Structured Word Inquiry

Summer Classes

Classes available in:

- Westside
- San Marco
- Mandarin



click here for more details.

Homeschool Classes 2025/2026

Fall classes begin - August 25, 2025 <u>Click here for details on all classes</u>



Literature classes:

Middle School - Wednesdays at 10 am on-line for 32 wks High School - Wednesdays at 11 am on-line for 32 wks

Writing Class:



Narnia - I.E.W. - Mondays 10am - 32 weeks reading the first three books: *The magician's Nephew, The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe, The Horse and his Boy* - I.E.W. certified teacher.