

## February 2014... Report Card Time



While winter seems endless, it is hard to believe that the school year is half over.

Many area schools have recently received report cards. Is your child still struggling? If nothing has changed over the first half of the year, it is time to stop the "wait and see" approach and put a plan into action. We still have more than four months and then summer to dig in and make certain your child is on firmer ground for the next school year.

In this newsletter, I've detailed our services and programs that will improve your child's speech, language and literacy (reading, writing and spelling) and handwriting skills. If you have concerns about your child, call me to discuss how Speech Plus can help. Our Comprehensive Language-Literacy Evaluation can pinpoint your child's area(s) of weakness and develop a plan of action to move him/her forward.

Here's to a great second semester...and Spring too!



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## Comprehensive Language-Literacy Evaluation



A Language-Literacy Evaluation will determine the basis of your child's reading difficulties and lead to a remediation plan to make your child a successful reader and lifelong learner. Many

students have gaps in the underlying skills necessary to be successful readers. From Kindergarten to 3rd grade, students are learning to read. After 3rd grade, they are *reading to learn*. Reading is no longer taught after 3rd grade. With each grade building on the other, the problem only worsens over time without remediation. Remediation is more than just accommodations and modifications, which, while helpful, do not treat the underlying cause of the reading issue. Call Renee to see if a Comprehensive Language-Literacy Evaluation is the right step for your child.

## Wilson Reading Program



Wilson Reading Program is a comprehensive curriculum for teaching decoding and encoding (spelling). It has proven successful with students who have difficulty with traditional reading instruction. [More](#)

## Success Plus! Executive Function Program



Executive functions are cognitive skills that allow one to plan, organize, make decisions, pay attention and regulate behavior. Research suggests that executive functioning skills are essential for students to succeed in school.

Students with executive function difficulties may appear disorganized or struggle to prioritize and plan [ahead](#).

## Handwriting Without Tears



The Handwriting Without Tears printing and cursive programs draw from years of innovation and research to provide developmentally appropriate, multisensory tools and [strategies](#).

**"Oh, I didn't know you did that!"  
is a phrase we often hear.**

### Speech Plus

offers a variety of services including:

- Speech-Language Evaluation and Therapy
- Reading/Dyslexia Evaluation and Therapy
- Social Thinking Therapy
- Fast ForWord Family of Programs
- Cogmed Working Memory Training
- Success Plus! Executive Function Program
- Wilson Reading Program
- Individual Educational Therapy
- Handwriting Without Tears



### Why Speech Plus?

**Speech Plus** is the only area clinic that specializes in communication and learning while providing a fun, nurturing learning environment for your child.

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