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# Reaching for the Stars

MAY ★ 2012



May is here and with warmer weather right around the corner we are gearing up for summer at **SPEECH Plus!**

The summer months are an excellent time to fill in communication and learning gaps so your child will begin the new school year more confident! We are offering a variety of summer services and programs. Some programs are new, like our "Write On!" Summer Writing Camp and others are our tried and true programs like the Fast ForWord™ Family of Programs (now more affordable than ever!) and our Social Thinking™ ([www.socialthinking.com](http://www.socialthinking.com)) Group Therapy. For more information, check our summer programming below or visit our website at [www.speechplus.org](http://www.speechplus.org).

*What can you do to promote summer learning and family time with your children?*

There are plenty of options in your local community. Learn to love your local library and librarian—it's a great way to promote the love of reading. Encourage your child to read for fun this summer; choosing high interest books will keep those neurons clicking! Check out our local children's museum ([www.kidsworkchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.kidsworkchildrensmuseum.org)) and the wonderful museums, the Planetarium and Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, visit our area zoos, concerts (Sunday evening "[Concerts on the Green](#)" in downtown Frankfort is great for a family outing) and of course, what is summer without a trip to one of the Lake Michigan beaches.

And, think of your summer vacation as a teachable moment. There are lots of ways to sneak in learning! Let the kids go online to sites such as [Mapquest](#) or one of the travel sites to 'research' your trip. Sneak in a bit of math by having your child calculate how long it will take to get to your destination travelling at "X" miles per hour. Have your child keep a journal (writing and spelling skills!) of your activities and send a postcard to a friend or relative (hey, now that's a novel idea!).

Now is the time to begin to think about keeping your child's brain stimulated, and the body moving, over the summer months. We offer innovative, fun-filled programs to improve your child's ability

## It's In The Stars...



**SPEECH Plus**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Summer Programs start June 11, 2012!**

Now scheduling – reserve your spot today!



**FREE Gift for Chatter Bugs!**

We have services designed perfectly for your preschooler!

For more information, click on logo above.

**READY... SET... GO!**  
**Is Your Child Ready For Kindergarten?**

Schedule a Kindergarten Readiness Assessment to identify your child's abilities in the areas of pre-reading, listening and speech-language.

Don't delay... call 815-464-6069 today!

to speak, listen, read, write and connect with their peers. Call me and together we will tailor a summer program specific to your child's needs. The trick is to balance fun with learning!

Happy Summer,

Renee H. Matlock, MA, CCC-SLP  
Speech-Language Pathologist  
Executive Director

## This Summer, Avoid "Brain Drain"...

Renee H. Matlock's  
**SPEECH Plus**  
*It's time to start thinking about summer!*

Education experts agree that summer break causes the average student to lose one month of instruction, referred to as "summer slide" or "brain drain". Stay ahead of the game... let **SPEECH Plus** customize a summer program specific to your child's needs.

- Individual Speech-Language Therapy
- Stuttering Therapy
- Social Thinking® Summer Groups
- Fast ForWord® Family of Programs
- Wilson Reading System®
- Wilson® Reading Fluency Program
- Math & Reading Tutoring
- Chatterbugs Preschool Services

**WRITE on!**  
summer writing camp

Written language is critical to academic success! Our "Write On!" summer writing camp is led by one of our speech-language pathologists. The 6-week camp:

- prepares students for school writing tasks
- teaches organized and elaborated writing
- helps students 4th grade through high school
- makes writing interesting and fun

Don't delay... sign your child up today!

**Kindergarten Readiness Testing**

READING SUCCESS = ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Does your child have the necessary skills to be successful in kindergarten?

We assess your child's language & pre-reading skills to ensure a successful start. Call for a "Getting Your Child Ready for Reading and Writing" brochure.

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**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS • LEARNING SPECIALISTS**  
*We are the only clinic specializing in speech, language and learning.*

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## Congratulations Are in Order...



In March, **SPEECH Plus** Executive Director, Renee Matlock, was presented with the "Sustained Excellence" Award by Scientific Learning Corporation, the developers of the Fast ForWord Family of Programs. This award recognized Renee for providing "the highest quality of implementation of Fast ForWord programs for over ten years". Renee was very honored to

## V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N!



Summertime usually means family vacation time.

The Travel Channel offers some great tips for traveling with children. [READ MORE](#)

## Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

HELPFUL HINTS • 0-4 YEARS OLD

### Why You Should Read with Your Child

You probably already know that you should read to your children, but do you know why?

Here are three important reasons to not only read aloud with your child, but also to make it a *shared* activity.

[READ MORE](#)



be the first Fast ForWord provider to receive this award. For more information about these scientifically-validated, language and reading programs, visit [www.scientificlearning.com](http://www.scientificlearning.com).



*We are the only clinic specializing in speech, language and learning. We serve children birth through high school!*

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