



**ASPIRE SPEECH
& LEARNING CENTER**

Newsletter

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Announcements

Fast ForWord Discount continues
through July!
Call or see our previous
Newsletter for info

Handwriting Mastery Camp

Last Session offered July 29-August 8
Monday-Thursday 10:00-12:00pm
See below for description

Handwriting Mastery Camp

Summer is a great time to have fun and enjoy family time. It is also an opportunity to prepare for the school year by getting ahead on crucial educational skills. Aspire Speech and Learning Center's Handwriting Camp is meant to help your child do just that. Whether it is to provide extra time to develop challenging writing skills, or to prevent the educational backslide that occurs over the summer, our Handwriting Camp is an excellent resource for both new and developing writers.

Our camp uses the Occupational Therapy based program Handwriting Without Tears. Handwriting Without Tears reimagines handwriting instruction with science-based lesson plans to help your child develop:

- Line formation and placement through simple, multi-sensory based activities
- Proper letter formation through the cultivation of fine motor skills
- Consistent placement and spacing of letters and words through activities that develop spatial awareness
- Proper pencil grip and arm placement through the encouragement of body awareness and proper writing posture
- Basic spelling skills and the foundational knowledge for syntactic awareness and eventual essay writing

This camp is an excellent writing resource for children 3-8 years old, with lesson plans that address each individual child's needs.

Camp runs for two weeks, and each day develops a new skill, as well as building upon skills addressed on previous days. Campers engage with fellow learners in an active, creative, and fun environment. Camp activities include drawing competitions, show and tell with sensory-stimulating objects, obstacle courses, song and dance, etc. Whether your child is just learning to grip a pencil or wants to develop basic essay writing skills, Aspire Speech and Learning Center's Handwriting Camp is an excellent way to educate and entertain your child over the summer.

-Written by Teya Looney, Academic Enrichment Tutor



Staff Spotlight

Krystina Benitez, BA

Client Relations Specialist



Krystina Benitez attended California State University, Fresno where she received her B.A. in Communicative Disorders. She is currently working on the necessary requirements to obtain her Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license. Living in a rural area, she was drawn to this field of study by seeing first-hand how limited speech services are for children which leave many to struggle to meet their needs. She plans to become fully licensed to reduce the overall need in her school district and the surrounding rural area. On her spare time she keeps busy with her son Anthony and his involvement with a variety of sports.



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