

DESCRIPTION

Bookworm Buddies is a unique program that was developed by Speech-Language Pathologists at Play & Say to support early learner's speech, language, social-emotional and pre-literacy development by engaging them in cognitively stimulating and socially engaging learning activities.



BOOKWORM BUDDIES will explore the topics including:

- Early Literacy & Math Concepts
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Skills
- Narrative Skills
- Vocabulary Enrichment
- Social-Emotional Skills
- Working & Auditory Development
- Phonological Awareness
- Print Motivation - Children are eager to become skilled readers!
- Print Awareness
- Letter Knowledge

Developing early literacy skills facilitate children's abilities to learn to read. Pre-literacy skills are crucial in providing children with opportunities to foster a love of books and readiness to learn. This is important for overall academic success because eventually, children move from learning to read to reading to learn!



BOOKWORM BUDDIES PROGRAM



Program Structure

- 3 to 4 year-old enrichment program for students who are currently enrolled in a school program
- 6:2 student-to-adult ratio
- 1:1 student-to-teacher support to facilitate individual goals
- Snacks will be provided



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3-4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM

***PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN BOOKWORM BUDDIES MUST CURRENTLY ATTEND A PART TIME OR FULL TIME SCHOOL PROGRAM. THIS CLASS IS DESIGNED AS AN ENRICHMENT AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM.**

The Importance of Social Groups

Language groups provide real social situations to enhance the production of speech and language patterns. Current research on service delivery models provides evidence that individual practice of speech and language patterns is not sufficient enough to promote generalization and use of those patterns in real interpersonal exchanges. Therefore, these group therapy sessions provide the ideal forum for children to practice and carryover developing communication skills.



How we can meet YOUR CHILD'S goals

With a **maximum of 6 children** in our Bookworm Buddies program, the activities chosen for your child are personalized to ensure that we address the individual needs of each unique child in the group. The activities presented to your child will help facilitate their communication, language, and pre-literacy skills and help them to expand these skills.

"Reading should not be presented to a child as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift."

- Kate DiCamillo

Why Bookworm Buddies over other after school childhood programs?

Our innovative program will help support your child's growth during his or her critical development period. Our specially-trained staff and therapists will provide a fun, interactive, and engaging experience for your child by utilizing numerous modalities (auditory, visual, physical movement, kinesthetic) to keep them engaged.



Bookworm Buddies Schedule

- Our Bookworm Buddies schedule is subject to change each semester. Please call or email us for an updated class schedule.

Sample Schedule

- Welcome Greeting
- Group Orientation to Learning Opportunities
- Thematic Vocabulary Instruction
- Read Aloud
- Follow-Up Literacy Activity & Letter Knowledge Activity
- Small Group Socialization Activities
- Closing Circle & Review

Tuition & Registration

- \$20/per child Registration Fee
 - This fee is waived for returning families.
- Full tuition is divided into 2 payments
- Please see the "Rates and Payment Schedule" attached to this brochure for details.