

Speech-Language Therapy 2023-2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing this letter to introduce myself to new parents/students as well as to update returning parents. My name is Elina Goldburd and I am the speech-language therapists at Warwick Elementary. A little about me: This is my ninth year working at Warwick Elementary and my eleventh year working in the school setting. I earned my bachelor's degree from Temple University and my master's degree from Montclair State University. I earned my second master's degree in Applied Behavior Analysis from California University of Pennsylvania. I hold my Certificate of Clinical Competency (CCC) from the American Speech Language and Hearing Association, a Pennsylvania Teacher of the Speech and Hearing Impaired Certificate, and I am a licensed Speech Language Pathologist in the state of Pennsylvania. My husband, our two sons, and I live in Warwick as well! In fact, my eldest will be attending Warwick as a 1st grader this school year!

Your child will be receiving a folder. It is a very important part of your child's program. Each folder is individualized. While I do not give typical homework assignments, I do include a practice calendar in the folder in order to encourage daily home practice of skills. Often students will complete typical homework assignments (like worksheets) quickly and feel as though they do not need to practice their speech further throughout the week. For this reason, I encourage students to try to use their learned skills every day. Students can earn stickers and prizes for completing their practice calendar.

Speech/Language Practice:

*Articulation students: should practice 5-10 minutes per day. Please listen to your child practice. It is often difficult for students who are learning to correct their sounds to discriminate between new vs. old speech patterns.

*Language students: Your role in language development is valued and important! Please incorporate language tasks into your daily routines (ideas can be taken from the calendar or I can give you more!) Please keep in mind that some students do not always work on paper and pencil tasks. If your child is not working on these tasks, remember that both communication and language are happening all around us (dinner time, bath time, play, in the car, etc.). You can reinforce goals and encourage language through the natural environment. I would love to hear how your family incorporates language into your daily routines.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me:

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I look forward to working with you and your child by helping to reach his/her speech-language goals. Wishing you a wonderful school year!

Thank you,

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