SPEECH NEWS



2023-2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is that time again to kick off an exciting school year. I wanted to take the time to welcome both new and returning students. My name is Mrs. Andrews and I am going to be your child's speech-language pathologist for the 2023-2024 school year. This is my 15th year working for The Central Bucks School District. I graduated from La Salle University in 2009 with my Masters in Speech —Language Pathology. I completed an Autism Certificate program in 2011 through La Salle University and obtained my Special Education Supervision Certification in 2016 from Delaware Valley University.



If your child is working to improve their speech sounds/articulation, they 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. Initially- listening for correct vs. incorrect sounds is crucial to success. I highly recommend a hand mirror to monitor their mouth movements while practicing.

If your child is working to improve their language skills try to incorporate their language goals (ex. categories, formulating sentences, following directions, listening comprehension) into your routine activities (ex. chores at home, dinner conversations, playground, and shopping). Your role in speech and language development is valued and important! I am always free to give ideas to make our goals more "natural" and help them fit into your daily routine.

Digital resources will be shared via SeeSaw or email to reinforce skills taught during speech lessons. I will send home worksheets or packets of reinforcement materials as needed. Additionally, my <u>teacher website</u> provides <u>monthly/thematic activities</u> to reinforce a variety of speech/language skills.

Please feel free to contact me via e-mail or phone, for suggestions. The more involved parents are in their child's speech and language program, the more successful that child will be in reaching his/her goals.

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 assisting them to reach their speech-language/communication goals. Wishing you a safe, healthy, and successful school year!

Thank you,
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