



Keeping *You* Informed...

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[Fast ForWord: Real Life Success Stories](#)



Hello!



I hope your New Year is off to a great start. Through these ongoing newsletters, my goal is to connect with clients, colleagues and friends to educate and inform about the importance of speech therapy, language and cognition, trends in the field and other relevant issues.

This month I'd like to provide additional insight on **Fast ForWord**, a unique, computer-based software program that changes the way the brain processes auditory information. It's a program that I've highlighted in the past, and one that I often incorporate into language goals with my clients.

When used in conjunction with other language development techniques, **Fast ForWord** plays an important role in my practice for aiding children with auditory processing weaknesses, ultimately renewing their confidence, while enriching their lives.

Did You Know...

- January is the fifth month of the academic year, and a time when students often feel disengaged in school, which can provide an ideal opportunity to incorporate programs like **Fast ForWord**.
- Reading is an essential life skill for processing everything from books, to road signs, to billboards



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**[Fast ForWord is a
"High- Gain" Program](#)**



and beyond.

- Educating children early on with concrete skills supports the foundation for proper reading, writing, spelling, vocabulary and grammar comprehension.
- Beyond 3rd grade, children are "reading to learn" and no longer being taught to "learn to read".
- Many children with gaps in the skills necessary to become successful readers also struggle academically.

Personalized Support...

Through [Pearl Speech Associates](#), my intention is to determine the speech and language needs of an individual. Throughout the treatment journey, I choose proactive options that have the greatest impact, while keeping in mind the unique needs of each client.

My language-based therapy interventions provide the foundation needed to support reading, decoding and comprehension skills.

As part of the team process, I work closely with parents, teachers, and other professionals. My greatest satisfaction comes from *making a difference in the life of a student*.



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in the Life of a Student"*

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