This presentation and all of its contents were solely created for educational purposes with parents and educators including face-to-face teaching settings for Denton ISD in Denton, Texas.
Resources for Parents of Dyslexic Learners

Our Goal...
To nurture and develop happy, confident, independent and successful individuals.
Famous, Successful Dyslexics

The Power of Dyslexia about Famous Dyslexics
(Meek, F., thepowerofdyslexia.com, 2007)

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Dyslexic Learners

You May Have Dyslexia...
(segment from The Big Picture; Rethinking Dyslexia, 2012)

What is dyslexia?
(Sandman-Hurley, 2013)

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What it IS...
(International Dyslexia Association, 2002 & Texas Education Agency, 2014)

“specific learning disability”

Constitutional & neurological in origin

May exhibit difficulties with:
• accurate and fluent word recognition
• poor spelling/writing
• poor decoding abilities

Typically result from “phonological component of language”

“often unexpected in relation to cognitive abilities and ...effective classroom instruction”

Secondary consequences may include:
• reading comprehension
• reduced reading experience
• impeded vocabulary growth
• Impeded background knowledge

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What it is NOT...

Myths & Misconceptions

- result of brain damage...
- low IQ, dumb, slow, lazy... (IQ’s are average, above-average, highly gifted)
- letter & word reversals alone...
- inherently due to visual problem (backward, blurred, floating, flipping, jumping) text
- covered overlays are the answer
- more boys than girls
- curable, easy fix
What Parents of Dyslexics Wish You Understood
(from Learning Ally, August 28, 2014 - https://www.learningally.org/)

1. Dyslexics are smart, creative individuals with unique gifts.
2. Dyslexic kids can learn to read...AND they do not see backwards.
3. In schools, dyslexia can be an uphill battle (communicate, advocate & support).
4. Ear (audio) reading IS reading.
5. Accommodations & differentiation are NOT cheating.
6. Dyslexia comes with many gifts.
7. Dyslexic learners are not lazy, unmotivated, etc.
8. Dyslexia is not caused by a lack of early reading.
9. One-size-fits all literacy instruction won’t work.
10. No more grammar & spelling police.
Instruction Should Be...

(International Dyslexia Association, 2008)

- **Intensive** - frequent & ongoing
- **Explicit** - explained directly, concretely, modeled
- **Systematic & Cumulative** - logical order to build and review
- **Structured** - step-by-step procedures (intro., review, practice, etc.)
- **Multisensory** - integrates all literacy components addressing all visual, auditory, tactile/kinesthetic modalities
Recommended Resources for Parents & Educators

Denton ISD Dyslexia Website (Curriculum, Instruction & Staff Development)-
  ◦ http://www.dentonisd.org/Domain/7432

The International Dyslexia Association-
  ◦ http://eida.org/

The Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity-
  ◦ http://dyslexia.yale.edu/

Overcoming Dyslexia (Shaywitz, 2003)

The Gift of Dyslexia: Why Some of the Smartest People Can't Read...and How They Can Learn, Revised and Expanded Edition (Davis, 2010)

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Books for Kids

The Don't-give-up Kid
AND LEARNING DIFFERENCES
BY JEANNE GEHRET, M.A.
Illustrations and design by Sandra Ann DeVos

It's Called Dyslexia
BY HELEN M. SHIELDS
Illustrations by Helen M. Shields

Thank you, Mr. Falker
PATRICIA POLACCO
Illustrated by Cali Piazza

The Alphabet War
A STORY ABOUT DYSLEXIA
Diane Burton Robb
Illustrated by Cali Piazza

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Parent Reading & Partner Reading...

(AKA You read a page.../read a page.)

Benefits:

• Parent models fluent reading
• Child mimics/practices fluent reading
• Vocabulary development
• Relate personal experiences → comprehension
• Prediction → comprehension
• Time spent together...

priceless.
Access Strengths!
(Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity, 2014)

Dyslexic Learners...

- Are creative
- Are empathetic
- Are knowledgeable
- Are critical/ outside-the-box thinkers
- Have strong vocabularies
- Have cognitive & emotional strengths

To Access Strengths...

- Identify their unique abilities & interests
- Encourage creative problem-solving & creative thinking
- Make time to nurture extra-curricular activities/ interests
- Encourage alternative ways to acquire information

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Assistive Technology
(Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity, 2014)

- Learning Games & Apps
- Word Processing
- Keyboarding Practice
- Electronic Spellers
- Speech-to-Text & Dictation Options
- Recorded Text Readings/Audio Books
- Smart Pens

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Audio & E-Book Opportunities

Book Share-
- https://www.bookshare.org/cms

Learning Ally-
- https://www.learningally.org/?gclid=Cj0KEQjwswb-vBRCLj7TvqpGx_MoBEiQALgFGnjGs5cxzYT4dHOjZSD05kA2AE0xU7WXov0QpebENvYYaAjnp8P8HAQ

Tumble Books- (visit your campus library page)

Storyline Online-
- http://www.storylineonline.net/

Denton Public Library(Overdrive, Hoopla, Zinio online & apps)-

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“What makes some people rebound from defeats and go on to greatness while others throw in the towel? Psychologists call it self-efficacy, the unshakable belief some people have that they have what it takes to succeed (Melinda Beck, Wall Street Journal, April 2008).”
Questions?

We always welcome your questions and concerns.
References & Resources...


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- It’s Called Dyslexia (Moore-Mallinos, 2007)


-The Don’t Give Up Kid (Gehret, 2006)


-Thank you, Mr. Falker (Polacco, 2012)


-The Alphabet War: A Story About Dyslexia (Burton-Robb, 2004)


-The Hank Zipzer book series (Winkler)