



LITERACY SUPPORT Academic Language Therapy at St. Monica

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In order to meet the needs of students with reading difficulties, our school offers a dyslexia therapy/reading remediation program. The program is designed to help students reach a desired level of reading fluency and comprehension.

Who qualifies to participate in the program?

Students in the lower grades who are identified as struggling readers or diagnosed with dyslexia are offered placement in the program. Although some of our students have a diagnosis of a reading disorder, it is not a requirement. Based on reading progress, teacher and counselor observations, parent concerns and informal in-house screening results we are able to identify students who need intervention. We are committed to serving students whose low reading level hinders their academic success.

What do we teach?

Our standard curriculum for the remediation of reading problems is called Take Flight – a comprehensive intervention program for students with dyslexia, developed by the Luke Waites Center of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. It is a multi-sensory, structured, research-based reading remediation program.

How do we make it work?

Students receive small group or one-on one instruction in Take Flight four-five times a week, 45 minutes each day during regular school hours, in lieu of their classroom phonics period. Students stay in the program for two to three academic years, depending on the progress and individual needs. Upon completion of the entire course of study, students are able to transition back into their regular phonics/reading classes.