



303 LEARNING PARENT HANDBOOK

Welcome to the 303 Learning family, where our mission is to guide your child to becoming a successful reader. This unique place is dedicated to understanding and celebrating your child's individual needs. We are committed to delivering exceptional tutoring services, ensuring a positive and enriching educational journey for every student.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's literacy journey.

Best,

Jeanne, Lori, Sally, Ann, and Susan

WHAT DO TUTORING SESSIONS LOOK LIKE?

- Each tutoring session lasts 55 minutes.
- Sessions specifically focus on either reading or spelling.
- Every session includes a quick sound warm-up, word study instruction with application to reading or spelling, and concludes with a comprehension or fluency activity.
- As your child advances in reading and spelling, we may integrate writing instruction into our lessons.
- Letter formation may be incorporated based on individual needs.
- Within 24 hours of each session, expect a brief email from your tutor outlining your child's lesson.

DO I NEED TO STAY WITH MY CHILD?

You are always welcome to watch and observe your child's lesson to understand our teaching approach. Please remember that your role is as an observer, not a co-teacher, and consider whether your presence might cause nervousness or distraction. We kindly ask that siblings do not observe lessons to help our students maintain focus.

ONLINE PORTAL

All families are registered in our online portal, Tutorbird. This platform allows you to:

- Read session notes
- View invoices and enroll in autopay

WHAT IS THE PAYMENT POLICY?

We keep things simple with our payment process:

- **MONTHLY TUITION:** \$575 per month.
- **AUTOPAY CONVENIENCE (enrollment required):** Payments are scheduled for the 5th of each month.
- **EASY PAYMENT METHODS:** Payments are made by ACH directly from your bank account or by credit card via our online portal, Tutorbird.

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance plays a crucial role in student success. Twice weekly sessions maximize your child's learning and play a critical piece to the success of your student. If you need to cancel a lesson, please provide us with as much advance notice as possible.

If your tutor needs to cancel, you will be credited \$85 for the lesson on your invoice the following month.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

For the most part, we align our schedule with that of the Cherry Creek School District, observing their snow days and holidays. Therefore, if Cherry Creek schools are closed due to vacation or inclement weather, we will also be closed. **However, we are open during most staff in-service days.**

HOW LONG CAN I EXPECT MY CHILD TO BE IN TUTORING?

Most students typically stay with us around 150-200 lessons, which translates to approximately 20-26 months of tutoring.

WILL THERE BE HOMEWORK?

There is no required homework. As we get to know your child better, we may provide activities to take home that will reinforce what we are working on.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY CHILD?

It's important—especially at the start—not to make your child read to you. Instead, read to them. Many students have negative feelings about reading, and pushing them to read can reinforce these feelings, making them see themselves as non-readers. Our focus in the first few months is helping your child see reading in a positive light. We'll guide you on when to start partner reading and provide the right resources.

Please do not underestimate the value of reading TO your child for 10-20 minutes a night. Dyslexic children may struggle with decoding text but can understand when it is read to them. Reading together fosters a love for reading, improves comprehension and vocabulary, and helps transfer tutoring skills to everyday reading.

Many students require additional support with letter formation and handwriting. While practicing at home is beneficial, supervision is essential for proper formation. In school, time constraints often limit adequate practice. Dyslexic students, especially those grappling with letter formation, struggle to recall word spellings. Investing time in learning handwriting is valuable, as keyboarding doesn't establish the same neurological pathways as handwriting.

We also encourage you to learn more about dyslexia. We highly recommend that all parents read the following books:

- Overcoming Dyslexia, by Sally Shaywitz
- Straight Talk about Reading, by Louisa C. Moats
- The Dyslexic Advantage, by Brock L. Eide

The International Dyslexia Association is also a valuable resource for parents, offering great information and support.

It's important to maintain a positive outlook on dyslexia. Our most successful students have parents who recognize the unique gifts associated with dyslexia, such as big-picture thinking, creativity, athletic abilities, out-of-the-box problem-solving skills, and musical or artistic talents.

WITH GRATITUDE ...

Thank you for choosing 303 Learning to support your child's literacy. We know that committing to tutoring is a big decision and we appreciate your trust in us. Our goal is to help your child become not only a better reader but also a more confident individual. We look forward to sharing this journey with you.