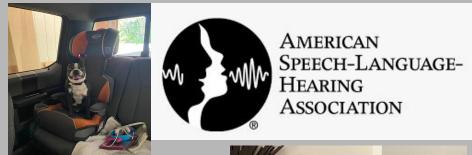


- I am a ASHA certified Speech Language Pathologist (CCC-SLP) and received both my Masters and Bachelor degrees from Southeastern Louisiana University.
- This is my 4th year as a SLP and Third year at HWMS.
- Prior to working as a speech therapist, I served in the United States Navy as a musician and toured the Southeastern United States and Cuba from 2007-2015. I continue to enjoy playing music with various local groups in the New Orleans area and at my church.
- I have been married for 16 years and have a daughter in the 4th grade, 1 dog and a guinea pigs.
- My favorite place in the whole world is the Nantahala National Park in North Carolina.





My Philosophy

I believe every child deserves a "voice" and communication is key to an enjoyable life. Additionally, children learn speech and language through play and experiences. Therefore, I try to make all therapy sessions enjoyable by utilizing games, crafts and each child's interests to meet their individual goals and objectives.



What Speech Therapists Do

School based Speech Language Pathologist (Speech therapists) Diagnose and Treat speech, language and swallowing disorders.

A speech-language disorder is an impairment in the ability to understand and/or express thoughts and ideas.

It may affect speaking, reading, writing, processing information or interacting socially

Feeding and swallowing disorders interfere with the ability to safely eat and swallow food and liquids and impacts overall well-being and educational performance of students

(American Speech Language Hearing Association, "n.d.").

Please click on the links on the "resources for parents" slide to learn more.

What We're Working on in Speech

While every child in speech is working on separate goals, these are some of the broad areas all of the students are working on.

Expressive and Receptive Language through speaking, writing, reading, and listening in the academic setting.

Stuttering

Articulation (saying the speech sounds correctly)

Early literacy and Language

Alternative Communication

Social Communication

Cognition (memory, organizing thoughts, etc..)

Resources for Parents

Getting to Know Your SLP

Kids and Autism: How Speech-Language Pathologists Help

School-Based Speech-Language Pathologists: Who We Are and What We Do

Building Your Child's Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing Skills: Third Grade to Fifth Grade

https://www.asha.org/uploadedFiles/Build-Your-Childs-Skills-Kindergarten-to-Second-Grade.pdf

More Resources

ASHA: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Stuttering Foundation: A Nonprofit Organization Helping Those Who Stutter

