

Spell to Write and Read Success Stories

Spell to Write and Read has amazing word of mouth testimonies from people teaching in a variety of settings (home or school), a variety of ages (young or old), a variety of ability levels (challenged learners to talented and gifted), and a variety of needs (English as a first language and English as a foreign language.) People can't resist telling their friends and teaching colleagues.

Mary wrote, "This is our third year using it with Katie (age nine) and Thomas (age six). Both are doing well. I am sold on *SWR* and always look for opportunities to recommend it to my friends."

Jennifer wrote, "*Spell to Write and Read* is so incredibly helpful and has lifted away the 'I don't know' cloud that hung over our homeschool spelling. My boys are twelve and fourteen and brag about the usefulness of the program. Spelling is now a subject we all look forward to and enjoy."

Floods of these types of letters endorse *Spell to Write and Read*. Some are just getting started. Others look back with a grateful heart for the solid foundation. Here is a small sampling from the pile grouped under the general headings: **Efficient, Economical, Effective.**

Efficient

Coveres Complete Phonics in a Quick, Easy Manner

Spell to Write and Read is the most complete, sequential teaching method to my knowledge. It lays a solid foundation as soon as possible. It's not confusing. Instead of bogging children down in hopeless masses of rules and exceptions, 70 phonograms and as few as 29 rules keep within the 7% exception range. We can apply the thorough set of rules without feeling something is missing.

Declutters

After using four other programs, I found what I was searching for in *SWR*. By decluttering my language arts approach, I can use my time to the best advantage. After ridding ourselves of words and phrase flash cards, workbooks, basal readers, and 95% of my games and gimmicks, my children settled down to rewarding and interesting study. We have freed up time to read living books. [Editor's note: This teacher went from homeschooling to teaching in a small private Christian academy. Her little school in PA entered statewide academic competition. Her students took all three top honors in spelling. Jean Evans is currently both an endorsed *SWR* instructor and a college professor]

Unifies Language Arts

Spell to Write and Read integrates phonics, spelling, penmanship, reading, creative writing, and grammar into one program instead of separate subjects. Key spelling concepts are reviewed repeatedly for four or five years. Rather than holding back students until they master each phonogram or spelling rule thoroughly, we move ahead, keeping them excited while knowing that the same concepts will be specifically addressed again for further mastery.

Economical

Provides Great Value

We really love the curriculum. We hardly spent any time on it before our six-year-old was reading, writing, spelling AND enjoying it. This wonderful program is a great value!

Uses Less Money for Better Results

I think I own every phonics program under the sun. We searched, we bought, we tried, we studied. Wanda's program was the only one that worked for us. My daughter is severely dyslexic. In one year of using SWR she came up four grade levels in her reading scores on achievement tests. Keep in mind she was not reading before this so those grades were low. She read *Charlotte's Web* cover to cover in two days. I cried. A good phonics program will also teach how to spell for a lifetime. I highly recommend this method, and if someone has the opportunity, I also recommend the seminar.

Effective

Elevates Teacher Confidence

I had nine years teaching experience, but lacked confidence. In desperation, I took this course. During the training class, I realized much of my discouragement and disillusionment came from not knowing how to teach properly. Equipped with the tools I had needed all along, I confidently had the pleasure of teaching little ones to read. I am full of praise!

Presents Hows and Whys

My daughter reads far above grade level and my son associates sounds and the words they make. They are learning to reason as well as read. They know the whys of English and not just the hows.

Improves Scores in Days

In thirty-seven days, my ten-year-old daughter's spelling level jumped from 6.0 to 8.0, and my nine-year-old daughter increased from 2.5 to 3.5. Initially my seven-year-old son missed every word on the test. (He spelled *can* as *kan*, *now* as *naw*, *good* as *grd*, *all* as *orl*, and *make* as *mac*.) I hadn't realized how little he learned in public school. With SWR, in eighty-six days, he could spell at a 2.2!

Boosts Special Needs Students

I had been told that my learning disabled child would never be able to learn to read. I introduced Wanda's materials anyway when she was young. She needed lots of loving repetition. At sixteen years old, my Downs Syndrome daughter's word attack skills tested at 12.8. Her reading level is consistently between 6th and 7th grade! We've been teaching our eight-year-old very "low key" for over a year now. She is reading and writing in her spelling log. She also reads easy books and sounds out signs and words she sees along the way!

Activates Weak Speller

My fourth grade son trailed a year and a half below grade level when we started. I began at the beginning and progressed step-by-step. Aaron liked it right away, because he was actively involved by hearing, seeing, writing and saying. This multisensory approach is the best method. Usually reading instruction is fragmented. He is proud of the spelling log he is creating. We have covered over 500 words. He still shows a lot of interest in what has been his weakest subject.

Causes Breakthrough for First Grader

My first grade daughter could barely read or spell when we started *Spell to Write and Read*. She is voraciously reading now. She and her brother love the program. Mom loves the results.

Remediates Adults

My husband told me that he had a lot of help when he was younger with many different programs and he never learned anything. He learned more from *Spell to Write and Read* in a matter of just a couple of weeks than all the years of the other programs combined.