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Let's Get Reading Right!

Online Course to Support Struggling Readers

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Welcome to Let's Get Reading Right!

Are you curious about "structured literacy", the "science of reading", or "systematic and explicit" approaches to reading instruction?

Join Martha Kovack, MEd, OCT, for a **live interactive introductory online course** which will give you a PRACTICAL, hands-on overview of these approaches, and leave you with a lifelong desire to want to learn more!

Introduction

- **We will gather on ZOOM in a classroom-like setting.**

  This means that we will all be attending **live as a group, via video.**
  (from the comfort of your home – no travelling! :)

- There are a **maximum of 5 participants.**

- This course is **highly interactive** with lots of participation in little activities and games.

Courses are offered either:
- **4 Weeknights from 7:30 - 9:30pm**

  OR
- **2 Saturdays from 12:30noon - 4:30pm**

Course Outline

Note:

As Martha likes to follow the lead of the participants, topics may not be covered in this order.

(but they will be covered)

Session 1:
- Overview of the process of learning to read
- Overview of differences in brain structure and function
- Overview of structured literacy and OG approaches
- Orthographic mapping – what helps, & what doesn't?
- Sounds of Speech
- Visual & Auditory Drills
- Letter formation

Session 2:
- Phonemic Awareness
- Short vowel confusion
- Blending & Segmenting sounds in words
- Review of visual/auditory drills
- Open & Closed syllables
- Introduction to scopes and sequences and lesson plans
- Introducing new spelling patterns

Session 3:
- Review of Blending/Segmenting, visual/auditory drills
- Wild Words
- Syllables and Syllable division
- Continuation of parts of a lesson plan
- Simultaneous Oral Spelling (SOS)
- Initial and end clusters
- Printing Sentences
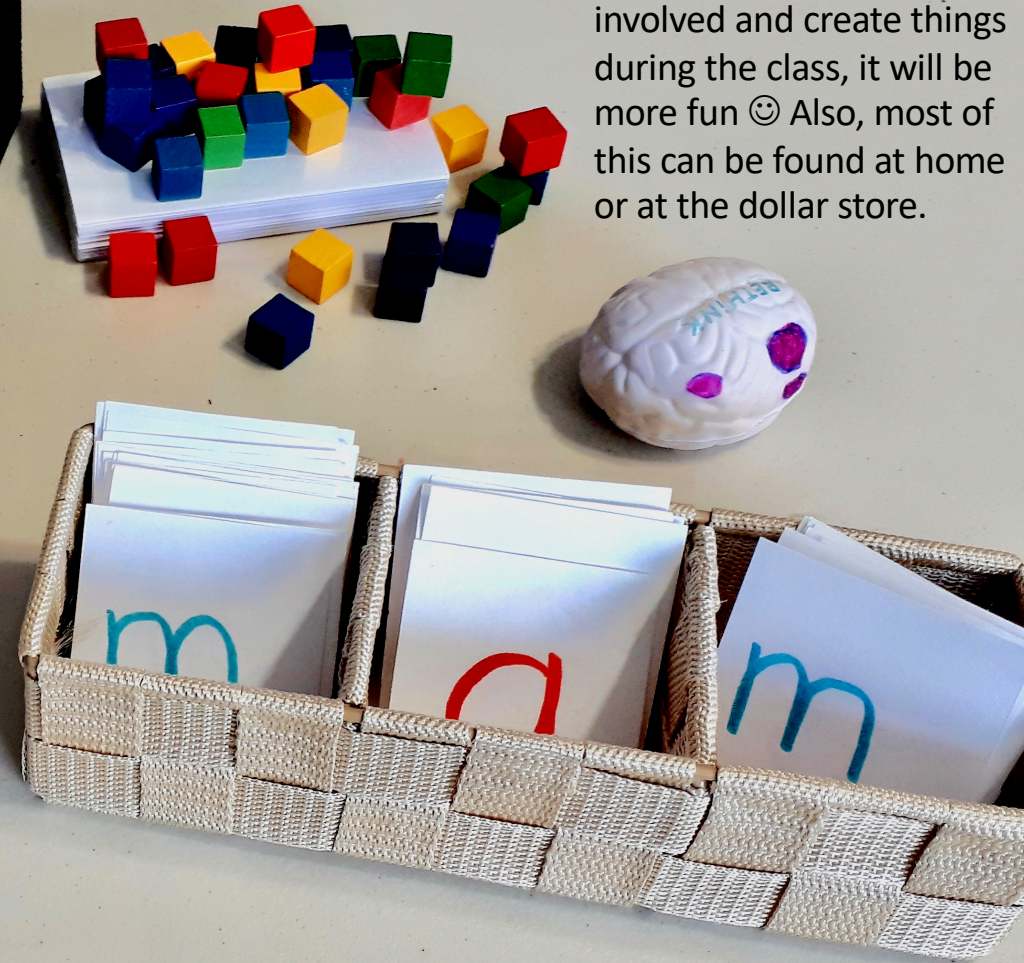- Reading words in sentences and text (scooping)
- Decodable text

Session 4:
- Review of parts of a lesson plan and scopes and sequences
- Magic e, vowel teams, bossy r's, c-le spelling patterns
- 3 Main Spelling Rules
- Tips and Tricks that solve many challenges
- Introduction to Morphology
- Questions, individual planning, including classroom and home implementation
- Online games and tools

What to Bring

- Set of cue cards
  (white on both sides – standard size – 5x3")

- Scissors

- Markers (that work ;)

- Set of little coloured wooden cubes
  (craft section of dollar store)

- Pencils

- Good erasers

- Pen and Notebook for taking notes

- Colourful electrical tape or masking tape

- Notebook (for child) with lines (try to find one with light coloured lines and not too close together) (not necessary for course)

- A couple of binder clips (like in this photo).

This is not necessary, but if you want to be more involved and create things during the class, it will be more fun ☺ Also, most of this can be found at home or at the dollar store.

How to Use

1) DOWNLOAD the ZOOM app.

2) On the day of our course, Martha will send you an email. **Please make sure she has your correct email and a contact phone number.**

3) This email will have a link. CLICK ON THIS LINK.

4) The link will take you directly to the Zoom classroom.

5) After you click on the blue link, follow the instructions.

6) You will "unmute" your audio (sound) when you would like to speak.

7) You will "unmute" your video **(so yes, everyone will see you – this will be exactly as if we were all in person)**

8) I will provide **a free consultation to walk you through this** before the course begins to help you get comfortable using Zoom

9) **Text me or call my cell at 705-309-7745 if you have any problems signing in.**

Classroom Rules on Zoom

1

Please respect that this is just like an "in-person" classroom (only we do not have to travel!) ☺.

2

Please **keep your video on**, and **"mute" your audio sound** unless you are speaking.

3

Please do not get up and leave or leave and come back frequently (unless of course you have to! ;)

Final Notes

- Information and practical ideas provided in this course will be generated from Martha's personal experience and training over the past 30 years. She will draw upon research that may be found by going to https://www.letsgetreadingright.com/ .

- **To register**, or to read Martha's bio/education/experience, go to https://www.soundreaders.com/ (or https://www.soundreaders.ca/)

- Maximum of 5 participants per course.