

## **ANOTHER CHILD FULL OF HOPE!**

### **A TRUE BERMUDA STORY #2**

#### **Thomas' Amazing Turn Around**

Nine year old Thomas is diagnosed with Dyslexia and ADD.

Unfortunately, despite Barbara's (his mom) best efforts to help, she was not able to find the local support to help her son.

A friend told her that no one liked to play with Thomas because he never made any sense, he talked in circles, and none of his peers understood him. This was perhaps, the best thing her friend could have ever told her. While it hurt a lot - it put Barbara into action!

In May 2005 a local Speech Language Pathologist recommended Fast ForWord.

It would involve Thomas using a computer-based internet training programme 5 mornings per week to strengthen the areas of his brain associated with Language & Reading.

#### **THE INTERVENTION**

Thomas started Fast ForWord in May 2005. Barbara arranged with the school for him to be late some mornings (missing morning assemblies and reading time - which he was struggling with anyway).

48 training days later Thomas completed Fast ForWord Language and Fast ForWord Language to Reading in August 2005.

#### **THE RESULTS**

In the past, his teacher had him reading at a lower level of difficulty than expected for his age.

Thomas is now able to read so much more in the same amount of time - he ended the Summer term 2005 exceeding his original reading goal!

In June 2005, Thomas got one of the top marks in one of the Math exams. A major achievement!

#### **PEER RESPONSE**

In June 2005 Thomas' teacher noticed changes. She wondered whether any Thomas' classmates had also noticed a 'difference'.

She gathered a few of them around her desk to ask for their feedback.

"Yes Thomas, of course there's been a big change - you don't say everything is boring anymore", "You don't say 'um um um' every time you speak any more" and "we understand what you're saying now".

This gave Thomas a tremendous boost in his self-confidence/self-esteem!

## **PARENT RESPONSE**

Both of Thomas' parents notice that he is reading much faster than he was before.

Mom's Comments:

- ✚ "Wow! Compared to a year ago - he's a completely different Thomas.
- ✚ He's focused, he's working, and we're not fighting all the time.
- ✚ He's not giving me "lip service" or constantly saying "No" or "I don't care" or "this is boring".
- ✚ He is no longer refusing to start - or finish - his homework.
- ✚ His reading level has gone up 2 (or more) grade levels.
- ✚ He's writing now -legibly, neatly & when copying, he copies accurately!
- ✚ He's doing so much better in Language - it's unreal.
- ✚ While we still have a way to go - I can't help but keep saying wow!
- ✚ Just amazing.!"

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