

Does Your Child **Learn** Differently?



Our consultants talk to many parents of children who learn differently. These challenges vary greatly but, in general, you are some of the most dedicated homeschooling parents—determined to make a difference for your child and break through whatever barriers exist. Our goal: to help however we can by identifying products/programs which will address learning styles, individual strengths and weaknesses, educational goals, and family dynamics (focusing on your personal needs the FAMILY way).

We've compiled a list of some programs that are effective in many of these challenging situations. Included in these lists you'll find products:

- geared to kids who learn differently – for instance, right-brained learners.
- with slower pacing or review.
- adaptable for multisensory learning.

Simply Classical (see website) from Memoria Press offers an organized curriculum plan for teaching from a classical education philosophy.

Dianne Craft (see website) has adapted Occupational Therapy techniques for home use. *Brain Integration Therapy* is the core of her training. Learn how your child's brain is working and methods (with lesson plans) to rectify learning blocks. Available DVDs help parents apply techniques in teaching.

Discover! (Edovate) offers alternate activities and assessments to meet needs of all learners.

Power Basics (see website) designs high school courses written at a 4th-5th grade reading level in core subjects: Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies.

AOP LIFE PAC[®], **Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum**, and **Starline Press** offer curriculum in several subject areas that are divided into self-pacing, short and non-intimidating worktexts.

Dyslexia Games (see website) is a series of workbooks that use art and logic to “reprogram the brain” gradually, through research-based activities.

PHONICS/READING:

Right Brain Phonics (1-8)

Helps struggling readers “to see”, recall, and remember what is taught.

Easy-For-Me Reading (PK-3)

Uses techniques known to be successful with picture thinkers, right-brained, kinesthetic, visual, and other nontraditional learners.

All About Reading (PK-4)

Orton-Gillingham-based program that builds in much review and repetition.

Happy Cheetah (K-2)

Context-based; integrates phonics and language arts through copywork.

Pathway Reading (1-8)

Non-distracting Amish-based readers provide fluency practice for struggling readers.

Reading Reflex (K-3)

Research-based program that teaches the sound-picture code of the written language to develop reading skills and correct ineffective reading strategies.

Phonics/Reading Pathways (PK-8)

Phonics-based approach to reading/spelling that incorporates visual and eye tracking exercises.

TouchPhonics (K-5)

Developed by a special education teacher to help struggling readers better grasp phonics through tactile manipulation.

MaxScholar (PK-12)

Orton-Gillingham based online program, with optional practice workbooks.

SPELLING:

All About Spelling (1-9)

Phonics-based with review and repetition.

Sequential Spelling (1-8)

Originally created for dyslexics. Teaches spelling through a word family, multi-sensory approach.

Spelling-You-See (1-8)

Systematic, easy-to-use method based on developmental stages.

Illustrated Book of Sounds & Spelling Patterns (K-3)

Teaches reading and spelling of all sounds that are the basic building blocks of all words. Designed for right brain learners, picture and global thinkers.

ENGLISH/WRITING:

Practice Coach Plus ELA (3-8)

Offers diagnostic assessments and has scaffolding instruction.

Winston Grammar (4-12)

Multi-sensory grammar program.

Writing Skills (2-12)

Building blocks approach takes students from foundational skills to a five-paragraph essay.

Thoughtful Learning All Write (5-8)

Remedial option to fill gaps or introduce writing/grammar to an ESL learner using simplified language.

Moving Beyond the Page (2-10)

Written for gifted learners but provides activities for creative or hands-on learners, allowing for differentiated lessons.

HANDWRITING:

Handwriting Without Tears (1-7)

OT-developed writing style with manipulatives.

Rhythm of Handwriting (PK-8)

Unique style that minimizes fine motor articulation to develop. Tactile card supplements.

CursiveLogic (1-12)

Uses color grouping, sayings, and tracing to teach or remediate cursive writing.

MATH:

Math-U-See (K-12)

Emphasis on concept development. Video-based, teacher-student, hands-on instruction.

Right Brain Math (K-7)

Teaches the visual spatial learner or right brain learner, who struggles to grasp a typical left-brain focused math program.

RightStart (K-7)

Offers a comprehensive, multisensory approach that integrates games. Available as a leveled program or in topical Tutoring kits.

Simply Good & Beautiful Math (K-7)

Lessons teach all learning styles with games, activities, and stories. Grade 7 provides review of basic math prior to Prealgebra.

Learn Math Fast (1-12)

Streamlined program for targeted skills.

Math Lessons for a Living Ed. (PK-6)

Story-based math at a more relaxed pace.

MCP Math (K-6)

Slower-paced traditional math program.

Life of Fred Math (1-12)

Unconventional, story-based math instruction. Strong on concept development.

Key to Math Series (4-12)

Skills-focused series with small worktexts that build incrementally.

Math with Confidence (K-4)

Soft background color with less overcrowding on pages offers an improved visual experience for some students.

HISTORY:

Short Lessons in History (5-12)

Bite-sized lessons with mapping cover important historical events for students needing straightforward instruction.

History Revealed (3-12)

Chronological study of history that focuses on Meyer-Briggs personality types.

SCIENCE:

The 101 DVD Series (9-12)

Instructional DVDs with printable resources offer an alternative to textbooks.

Friendly Science (6-12)

Clearly explains text, easy to follow illustrations and workbook activities provide a straightforward learning experience. Optional videos.