# WELCOME PARENTS

GLASSBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ORTON-GILLINGHAM COHORT

#### THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO HAVE YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROGRAM.

- Introduction Mrs. Danielle Sochor
- Instructors' backgrounds and experience in FDU Program
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#### ORTON-GILLINGHAM PROGRAMS

Fairleigh Dickinson Training-

- I. Masonic Centers
- 2. School Cohorts
- 3. On Campus training



Glassboro is one of 22 districts in NJ offering training to 234 teachers this year.

• Seventeen teachers will be trained in our cohort.

# PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- Teacher training model- This is a 2 year, graduate level program which results in an FDU ORTON GILLINGHAM TEACHER certificate.
- This program offers a remedial approach for teaching reading to struggling readers.
- The Orton-Gillingham, or O-G, method focuses first on the decoding skills necessary for successful reading and are essential for comprehension and fluency.
- Your child is helping these teachers practice what they are learning.
- Consists of 50 hours of after school tutoring.

# STUDENT SELECTION

- Your child was recommended for this program using testing scores and teacher recommendations.
- He/she has been identified as a "struggling reader" who is experiencing some difficulty with reading.
- While this program is a 2 year commitment for the teachers, your child may only be in the program for this year and there may be other students next year.



#### FEATURES OF AN ORTON GILLINGHAM PROGRAM

- Multisensory
- Direct and explicit
- Rule based
- Sequential
- Extensive review
- Success oriented



# THE ORTON LESSON

- Teacher does an informal assessment the first day to determine which skills the student has and needs.
- She will develop an individualized lesson plan based on the assessment.
- Each lesson will contain review information on the sounds, rules, and concepts learned.
- Each week, a new sound or rule will be taught.
- Lessons are 55 minutes, so beginning and ending on time is important.
- The last 15 minutes are devoted to reading aloud and using and practicing what has just been taught.

## PARENT'S ROLE

- $\checkmark$  Make this program a priority for your child.
- To get the most benefit from the program, it is necessary to attend all sessions and to be on time (drop-off and pick-up)
- ✓ Waitlist & required teacher training hours
- ✓ Parent communication with teachers (FDU Policy)
- $\checkmark$  Students must be signed in and out for each session 4PM or 5PM
- ✓ Calendar-make-up days (snow)



## PARENTS' ROLE

- If your child will not be able to come, it is important that you call Mrs. Tartaglione (Mrs. Tag) by at LEAST 1:00 PM.
- The students will bring home reading lists to practice. Please practice with the children. The procedure is found in the letter that will come home in the folder with the lists in the next few weeks.
- Students should bring the folder back each week.
- If you have questions, please contact: Cheri Tartaglione 609-713-0319

#### <u>Glassboro on the cutting edge!!!</u>

- There are only 8 universities in the country at this point that are recognized for this type of training and the requirements are stringent. Our teachers are embarking on a challenging yet rewarding professional journey. We are proud of their commitment.
- Again, we thank you for caring about your child and helping us be the best we can be.

#### QUESTIONS?

Thank you for coming this evening! It's going to be a great year!

