

February Monthly Minutes



Talking to Children About Violence

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with everyone affected by the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. As therapists, we can help students reestablish a sense of normalcy and security after an act of violence occurs by being prepared to talk about it. Check out the [CRA Facebook](#) page for Tips for Parents and Educators from the National Association of School Psychologists.

Show me the data!

In an era of greater accountability in education, data is important. It is important that you capture data that is commiserate with the goal. So, for example if the goal is written __ out of __ trials then your daily data should be captured in the same data collection format. Data collection format (e.g. correct/incorrect, Likert, prompts, number of correct out of number of trials, % for mastery with criteria). It is extremely important to review your data on a regular basis. Making sure you see an upward gains or trend line. Some therapist like to graph the data to show families while others simply report the growth or progress. What to do if you see a flat trend line or a declining trend line? Time to change it up! Consider changing the intensity, setting, goal. Collect-Analyze-Improve.



Executive Function 101

Metalinguistic and metacognitive skills refer to an individual's ability to think about his or her own language and thinking skills. Executive function skills is a term used to describe difficulties associated with goal setting, carrying out organized steps and modifying a plan to complete a task successfully. These skills are built on the



ability to learn from past experiences and apply that knowledge in new experiences. Attention, memory, impulse control, organization, planning, and hierarchical thinking problems often described by parents and teachers are the executive function difficulties that can interfere with an individual's ability to benefit from some traditional speech-language therapy approaches. [Click here](#) for some great mobile tools and Apps to help treat/support students who are struggling with EF difficulties.



Helpful Tips with Links

Five Minute Kids

- Intensive articulation/phonology approach
- Evidence based
- 5 minute sessions—drill and thrill
- Can meet outside of the classroom, in the hall
- Great for scheduling students
- Individual sessions
- Students help to keep data each session

Vocabulary

A FREE vocabulary game on the internet. For each word you get right, 10 grains of rice are donated to the UN World Food Program to help end hunger. If you get it right you get a harder word; if you get it wrong you get an easier word. Individual or small group interactions. Warning: this game may make you smarter, improve your speaking, thinking, writing, grades and job performance.

linking language development to literacy



Get the most out of your MindWing Materials!

The following YouTube video tutorials and webinars will help SLPs get started with MindWing materials.

Intro to MindWing - <https://youtu.be/n5DkK3jHyQ>

Story Grammar Marker 2 Things That Set It Apart - <https://youtu.be/1-JQRI5tTW8>

SGM Mini Magnets for Narrative Intervention - <https://youtu.be/ap6wWqsSHnw>

Demo Lesson for Critical Thinking Triangle with 2nd graders - <https://youtu.be/BAWESqk7MmA>

Comprehension Involves More than Just the Beginning-Middle-End of a Story - <https://youtu.be/9vdlTRUie64>

