

The Path to Learning Requires Fluency

While you're thinking about that, here is Adam—one of our third graders.



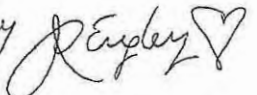
Adam's reading struggles
are over! His eye muscles
are now strengthened, so
learning is now enjoyable,
as it never was before.

S. L.
mom

Maime

They can finally read.

"Debbie and vision therapy have given the gift of a lifetime — my son's spirit renewed. To see his confidence grow and watch him enjoy life without overshadowing fear and frustration has been remarkable."

Janet Eugley 

Maime

FVYD Pres. from Science and Art Teacher on Student who had been included in our FVYD short-inclusion program

Dear DM, FVYD

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66 Imagine, Seeing Thru My Eyes

~~X~~ Teacher of Science and Art
Robin Neeley
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Robert Miller
9-7-99
Re: M. C.
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To FVYD Comments for Students

y6,99 Natalie - I said that with ~~these~~ glasses I ~~can~~ see the letters and words better than I use to when I read

y6,99 Marjorie I like my ~~class~~ Glasses I can read better now I can see better

I can see Better
I don't fall Tessa
no more I can read better

I can see the words better and I don't skip lines I can read the words but I don't know what they mean
Tanya

Originally presented in script, this Translation for those who do not read script:

Olga worked with FVYD- selected youth from normal Mainstream classrooms & also Special Service youth-for this 1st program in Carver Middle School).

Hi my name is Olga Perez, I am a Language Facilitator at Carver Middle School. When I first started working with Future Visions, I was worried that this Program would interfere with my work and I feared that it would not really bring results. As time passed I can say I am proud to be part of this Program because I've had the experience to see how much these children can improve when they are able to read and comprehend what they are taught. This method has given them the self-esteem they needed to be successful in school.

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FOR FVYD Here is a translation of Mom note & Darren's writing.—

From Student

Dear FVYD, **HER SON**

I think your program helped me very well. My grades were okay Better than last time. I wear my glasses sometimes. I forget them at home sometimes. But I do wear them. I'm doing very well with my school work it's pretty easy and my teachers are also cool at sometimes.

Took the test with my counselor it was pretty easy and very long. My glasses are broken they just need a screw nothing more, I will get them fixed, Sincerely Darren

Thanks for all the help & all the therapy it really worked

Darren **STUDENT** 10/21/99

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While his mom, Marjorie N. said:

I am sorry for the delay....I would like to extend my highest gratitude to the Future Vision Program... As you know, my son, Darren has had previous behavior problems in schools, KG thru Middle school. Through your program Darren has shown a dramatic turn around behaviorwise and academically. Grades and study habits have improved without being structured to do it, testing seems to be difficult at this point as far as passing tests (which brought grades down)otherwise homework assignments passing grades.

Thanks ever so much with your time and efforts put forth with Darren....Thank you again, Marjorie N.

Dear Mrs. Miller; FVYD 11-3-99
I am so sorry for the delay of information that you asked for. I would like to extend my highest gratitude to the Future Vision Program, Mr. Morris and indeed Debbie Miller. As you know, my son Darren has had previous behavior problems in school grades KG thru middle school. Through your program Darren has shown a dramatic turn around behavior wise also academically. Grades and study habits have improved without being structured to do, testing seemed to be difficult at this point as far as passing tests (which brought grades down) otherwise homework assignments passing grades. Thank you ever so much for your time and efforts put forth with Darren.
Thanking You Again,
Marjorie N. Nelson

PARENT

SYMPTOMS WE OFTEN DO NOT SEE

This is a view of what some of these children see. Each child we worked with had vision issues. Our selection process found the children. The screening process found those we could help with the program. The program fixed the problems. (For some of these children there was movement in the letters also)

- The **bbboy rrran** down the **rrroad** after the **bbb** all.

» (b r & digit span)

- **TTTT**The boy ran down the road after the ball!. **HH**He hoped the other kids would let him play in the game. **TT**They yelled at him instead.

— White space at each beginning of sentence, digit span issues

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» Shadow or...

» Movement of sentence and/or the individual letters

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Journal
 Today is Oct 26, 1994. My Mom found out what was wrong with my eyes. I got to school at 12:30 and my foot is a whole alot better. I have a canker sore in the back of my mouth. Halloween is in four days. I can't wait it is coming so soon. It feels so nice outside it is great.

"Today is Oct 26, 1994... My mom found out what was wrong with my eyes."

She got to school late, 12:30 pm (picture with arrow of me angry hairy).

And, it also says, "...and my foot is a whole alot better (She was on crutches at the time and had been for week she didn't use them the next day.) Then she wrote, "I have a canker sore in the back of my mouth."

She is excited about Halloween being only 4 days away "...it files (feels) really nice outside". "It is great."

So that "Angry Man" (pictured above) was me....

MY ANGER SOON PASSED

Katie was fine now, just with the knowledge of the vision problem, she knew that these problems at school were not her fault.

MANUEL GORPORAN

Manuel is a Hispanic child; his problem was simple to fix like the others. His parents had lost hope like the others. This kid has been in detentions often and held back in grade. He was retained in eighth grade. He wants to tell you about his past and how much trouble he had caused in school because now, he is proud of his recent accomplishments. He has just gotten an "A" on a report he has written on an important Hispanic person—a report he has done in Language Arts-English class. He was also given rewards for his great improvement in his general performance in school. His behavior improved also. His special education services were dropped the following marking period. They were successful???

He is playing baseball much better now as well. (Maybe because he can now see the blackboard from the back of the classroom)!

Can you hear him?

CHRISTOPHER LAFLEUR

Chris struggled greatly in school. He was assisted with special services in reading and speech and language. Chris was considered borderline on IQ tests. He was generally quiet and subdued, had no friends. He had once been suspended from school and occasionally was provoked into fights.

Chris just made the Honor Roll, not in special classes, but in normal classes. He is no longer assisted with speech and language services. He is an ADD kid, although his

symptoms of ADD have disappeared. Chris wants to talk... he speaks very softly.

Can you hear him? (If not, hear his mother. She went back to school to get her degree so that she could also help us. She also has written several letters to the governor on the merits of this program.)

Then I began to remember the notes that these kids and their parents had written to me at the end of the program. The following notes are here for you to read:

(STUDENT) 10/3/99

Darren ~~more~~

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Sincerely,
Darren C. m. blue

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