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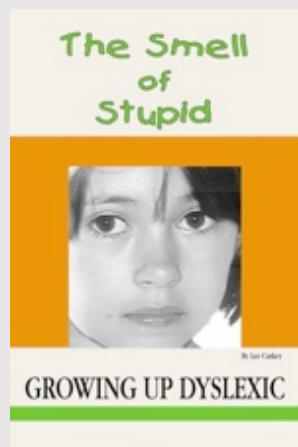
Attention AVKO Members:

The annual board meeting will be at the AVKO Foundation Sunday, September 14th at 2:00 P.M. Everyone, not just AVKO members, are encouraged to attend. We will be planning a number of changes for the coming year. We would like your input. If you can't attend but would like to be on the board or serve on any committee, please let us know.

The Smell of Stupid

Growing Up Dyslexic by Lee Caskey

Reviewed by Don McCabe



This is a quick but powerful read. Everybody who has any dealing with children and/or dyslexics should read this book. It made me laugh. It made me cry. It made me thank God I didn't have to go through what Lee Caskey did in order to learn to read.

To order your copy or find out more about Lee Caskey, go to:
<http://www.diamondsintheroughpublishers.com/>

Don McCabe will be training a number of teachers and parents who are interested in becoming certified AVKO tutors in Jonesboro, Arkansas October 17-19.

One-to-One. Can it be Done?

Training Parents can be the answer

by Don McCabe

Educators have long known that there are children with special needs who need one-to-one instruction. But how? How can it be done? There are so many children

who, for example, have problems learning how to spell, how to write, how to read.

Actually, the answer has always been there. It's simple. It's common sense. If parents can teach their children to speak, which is by far the most difficult of all learning tasks, surely with our help and guidance, parents can be taught how to help their children at home.

The public school system already has Adult Community Education courses dedicated to such tiny minorities as those who want to know how to decorate cakes, do yoga, belly dance, learn karate, and make their dogs behave.

Isn't it about time that we had some help for our parents who know their children are struggling and want to know what they can do to help at home?

Surely, the schools realize that the struggling students would be learning if only they had plenty of one-to-one instruction. It doesn't take an MBA degree to realize that the schools can't afford to do it themselves. And it doesn't take a Ph.D. degree to realize that parents won't charge them a dime to volunteer their time to give their own children one-to-one instruction.

The kicker is, it really can't be done on school time. Imagine a classroom of 30 children, one teacher, one teacher's assistant, and five parents. Pandemonium would reign.

The answer lies in having the one-to-one being done at home not in the school. That's where it is so important that the parents receive their training in an adult community education course in which there is a simple absolute commandment. Thou shalt NOT criticize your child's school or teacher or curriculum. Negative comments will not be tolerated. It's non-productive. The parents must concentrate on how they can help their children solve their reading problems.

Perhaps, we can get one Christian School teacher to "infiltrate" the Adult Community Education Program by volunteering to teach a night class for parents who want to know how they can help their child at home when they're having trouble learning how to spell, read, or write.

Who knows, maybe a good teacher would end up accidentally recruiting new students for your Christian school for next year!

Can it be done? Yes. I've done it myself-very successfully, in fact. If you're interested, I have lesson plans I can share with you. No charge. I have a free sample letter that you can use to send to all your parents in your school and one that perhaps you can convince some principals in the public schools to send out as well.

For more information about the AVKO Educational Research Foundation and its mission to help parents and schools help children learn to read, visit spelling.org (make sure

you use .org and not .com). You are also encouraged to call me toll free with any questions you may have at 1-866-285-6612.

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