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## AVKO Tutor Training Series

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Dear Don,

You are nearing the end of your journey of becoming an AVKO Tutor. This is your last e-mail of the regularly scheduled tutor training series! Did you do your homework from last time? Great!

If you've done all of your homework up to this point, you have mastered the finer points of AVKO's philosophy. We will go over how to put the AVKO materials together, create a curriculum to meet your needs, and answer any remaining questions you have.

Great job thus far!

### To Teach a Dyslexic



Don McCabe's autobiography "To Teach a Dyslexic" has a wealth of information not only about his life, but also about how he formulated the philosophies for teaching dyslexics, those trying to learn how to read and spell, and others failed by the public school system.

This book is available for free with your membership as an e-book. Read the sections that are of most interest to you.

### Pull Out Your Textbook -- if you want to learn even more!

**The Teaching of Reading & Spelling:**



By Don McCabe  
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The textbook [The Teaching of Reading and Spelling: A Continuum from Kindergarten through College](#) will be our main reference throughout this series. This book is one of the many books available for free as an e-book with [AVKO membership](#).

At this point, we have covered almost every page in The Teaching of Reading. You may wish to review some of the sections at this point. Look at the Table of Contents and make sure you read everything of interest to you. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the diagnostic and prescriptive tests in the book for future use with your students.

### **Using the AVKO Materials: Curriculum Planning**

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- Visit [AVKO's Curriculum Planning page](#) for information on how to synthesize the AVKO materials into a curriculum package tailored to your students.
- Visit the [Customizing Sequential Spelling page](#) for information on how to make the program a custom fit for your situation.
- Take advantage of the [Freebies](#), [Articles](#), [Social Networking Sites](#), and [Readings for Comprehension](#) as you continue forward.
- Use the [Engaging Language Kits](#) for additional practice with the words and word families used in each level of Sequential Spelling, abstract and analytical thinking, proverbs, dictations, and more readings for comprehension.
- [Contact us](#) with any questions you have now or in the future.

#### **Your Homework for Today's Lesson:**

- Be sure that you've read everything that was assigned in today's lesson. **Formulate and ASK any questions that you may have at this point.**
- Read about how you can use each of the materials that come for free as a download with AVKO membership. Click on each of the 5 books on the [membership information page](#) for this information.
- Download and listen to the AVKO workshop entitled "[Create Your Own Spelling Program That Really Works](#)"

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You're off to a great start! You are well on your way to becoming an AVKO tutor. Keep up the good work, be diligent with your lessons and reading, and ask questions!

Be sure to join us on the social networking sites (see below) to connect with others and get the latest updates from AVKO.

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