

Kanwal Public School
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Lexia Trial

This trial has had difficulties from the outset. We have had limited resources, computers that are out dated that will not run the cross-trainer. Lexia supplied the school with extra play station controllers, but again the challenge was to train teachers in the use of them and to convince teachers that this program should make a significant difference to their most learning challenged students.

At the same time I was seeing the program for the first time, and as other teachers have said, who have used it longer than me (The Entrance High School) that after you have used the reading once you have a far better grasp of how it works and what it can do and where the teacher needs to step in and give extra practice on a particular skill.

The cross-trainer has challenges for older people who are not conversant with the use of the play station controller but these can be overcome readily.

For all these reasons you could not consider this to be a controlled trial but more an indication of the need for a rigorous trial in which all factors are controlled.

Certainly I have now seen enough of this program to say that I feel it is the only program that offers hope to the most learning disabled students in our school system. Anecdotally, teachers have noticed significant improvements in confidence, fluency and spelling skills. Richard Harris STLA. Kanwal Public School

Neale Analysis of Reading Ability

Accuracy and Comprehension

Year 5-6 Accuracy November 2006				
Students	Grade	Acc. Nov 05	Acc Nov 06	Accuracy Improvement
Student 1	Y5	7.10	8.10	+1 Year
Student 2	Y5	8.25	11.25	+3 Years
Student 3	Y5	8.0	9.75	+ 1 Year 9 month
Student 4	Y5	7.10	8.10	+ 1 Year
Student 5	Y6	8.25	11.1	+2 Years 10 months
Student 6	Y6	8.25	11.25	+ 3 Years
Student 7	Y6	9.6	11.1	+ 1 Year 7 months
Student 8	Y6	7.7	9.2	+ 1 Year 7 months

Year 5-6 Comprehension November 2006				
Students	Grade	Com. Nov 05	Com Nov 06	Comprehension Improvement
Student 1	Y5	8.7	11.4	+1 Year 7months
Student 2	Y5	8.3	+13	+4 Years 9months
Student 3	Y5	8.5	11.0	+2 Years 7months
Student 4	Y5	7.4	8.5	+1 Year 1 month
Student 5	Y6	9.8	+13.0	+3 Years 4 months
Student 6	Y6	7.10	11.7	+3 Years 9 months
Student 7	Y6	10	10.11	+11 months
Student 8	Y6	9.2	+13.0	+ 3 Years 8 months