DEVELOP YOUR CHILD'S gifts & talents

Enrichment for Curious Minds!

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With the proper instruction and reinforcement, most children can perform at the level we now call GIFTED.

Dr. Alan Wolpert
Professor of Psychology
Fordham University

THE FASTTRACKKIDS® EDUCATIONAL GOALS
1. To prepare children for school and life.
2. To develop creative thinking and problem solving.
3. To build communication and speaking skills.
4. To teach the application and transfer of knowledge.
5. To promote leadership and personal growth.
6. To encourage a lifelong love of learning.

THE FASTTRACKKIDS® DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRESS
This is based on a research study at the Michigan Institute of Out-of-School Time. It measured the impact of FastTrackKids on two key indicators of a child’s future academic success: Pre- and post-test scores showed the change in children’s communication skills measured by their vocabulary and in their social behaviors. Children in FastTrackKids increased both expressive and receptive vocabularies as well as social behaviors such as cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy and self-control at a rate 100% to 150% faster than peers not enrolled in FastTrackKids. School-aged children in the study improved a minimum of one grade; same as much as two grades.

BREAKDOWN OF A TYPICAL TWO-HOUR FASTTRACKKIDS SESSION

20% KNOWLEDGE ENRICHMENT
Simulation of gifted and talented abilities

20% LEADERSHIP AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT
Self-esteem, Goal-setting, Relationship-building, Communication

15% CREATIVITY DEVELOPMENT
Thinking, Problem solving, Decision-making, Brain development

20% APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE
Problem solving, Learning to access the Internet, Construction activities, Research work

20% SPEAKING AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS
Live or videotaped (optional) speaking opportunities

Videotaped Speaking Opportunities
In several activities, the children’s presentations are recorded on video. This process stimulates communication skills and self-esteem. Children then have an opportunity to view their performance.

KIDS & PARENTS WEB SITE
The FastTrackKids Learning Center opens a new window to a special Kids & Parents Web site, featuring suggestions added parent support, as well as additional fun learning activities for children.

THE FASTTRACKKIDS® ENRICHMENT FOR YOUR CHILD
FastTrackKids Enrichment Education is a fun-filled learning adventure for your child. Children can enroll at any time, and students typically complete the course during four (2-hour) sessions per month for 24 consecutive months. The diagram above details the learning areas included in this innovative learning system.

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Learning Cleverly Disguised as Fun

- Park Slope
  150 4th Ave.
  718.260.6100
- Williamsburg
  60 Broome St.
  347.987.4450
- Smiles Around Us
  (Daycare Center)
  3854 Hylan Blvd
  718.948.0122
- Sheepshead Bay
  1605 Voorhees Ave.
  718.891.3437
- Bay Ridge
  Dyker Heights
  7612 13th Ave.
  718.748.3000
- Staten Island
  (Office)
  1461 Hylan Blvd
  718.351.7333

ECONOMICS
Business becomes real as children examine products from around the world. In addition, they participate in an imaginary research survey and create a marketing strategy that helps them to see the impact of economics on their daily lives.

SPEECH, DRAMA & ART
Through exploration of the performing arts, children learn how to communicate their own unique ideas.

LITERATURE
Children learn about different writing styles and emotional expression as they examine literature from around the world. Through role-play activities, they discover how to separate fact from opinion, and how to express ideas with enthusiasm.

ASTRONOMY
Children explore spatial and abstract thinking in their study about space travel, the sun, moon and planets. “Virtual” trips through space allow them to learn about such concepts as gravity and weightlessness.

GOALS & LIFE LESSONS
Children count items as part of games and art activities. They compare geometric shapes, units of measurement, clocks and time.

BIOLOGY
In this session, children discover the wonders of plant, animal and human life. “Virtual” trips to the Amazon, Sahara and Antarctica also allow them to learn about unique ecosystems.

TECHNOLOGY & HOW THINGS WORK
Examination of transportation, electrical and computer technologies helps children discover what makes everyday items work.

CREATIVITY
Creativity in such areas as music, art and dance are fostered through interactive computer lessons, stories and activities. Children also learn about the basic differences in creative expression around the world.

THREE YEARS
- January/February
- March/April
- May/June
- July/August
- September/October
- November/December

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THE FASTTRACKKIDS® EDUCATION STATION
Certified FastTrackKids instructors have the benefit of some of the world’s most technologically advanced educational tools. FastTrackKids education is enhanced with the use of CD-ROM based “lesson plans” delivered via the FastTrack Learning Station - a unique combination of computer technology, LCD projection and an interactive white board. CD-ROM lessons are projected on an interactive white board which the teacher controls, by touch, from the front of the room. This advanced technology allows a child to “see” space, or take a visual journey to the center of the Earth, as if looking from the window of the FastTrackKids “Explorer.”

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WHY IS A FASTTRACKKIDS® EDUCATION IMPORTANT?
Educational experts agree that children need to know more than their alphabet or their numbers to be ready to start school. Research has shown that basic skills such as teamwork, problem-solving and communication are prerequisites to learning success for children. “Findings of this study illustrate the important link between FastTrackKids curriculum and children’s performances in vocabulary and social skills.”

- Dr. George Hall
  Webster College’s Natural Institute for Out-of-School Time

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