

OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Parent or Guardian:

I am writing to tell you about an exciting project I am implementing this year to improve speech and language skills through a home based web site.

As most of you know, I am the Speech Pathologist for grades 3-6 and have had the pleasure of working with many of your children. In the past, most homework has been through paper and pencil tasks, recordings, or videos. I am now trying a project through an interesting and fun web site that motivates students to gain knowledge, remember it longer, and improve their overall speech and language skills while they have fun.

The activities on the web site will give students the chance to apply the skills they learn on the web site at home to school, personally relevant, and real-world situations by having them learn how to more effectively use their language and articulation skills. Your child will also learn how to think critically, solve problems, and make presentations as we progress through the year. These skills will help students succeed in the future, both in school and in today's work world.

The web site is called: Speechbuzzclub.weebly.com. I plan on changing activities frequently to match what we are working on in our speech groups and will also leave certain activities on the site for your children to review. Please have your child use the web site at least 5-10 minutes per day. That's all they need to do!

I would like to keep in contact with you regarding your child's progress and have him/her report to me once a week as to what they enjoyed most and how they are progressing. After they complete a game activity, it will give them a percentage of correct responses that they have earned. They can play the games over and over to improve their scores and gain more confidence in their skills. Please feel free to communicate this information to me through email as well as any comments regarding the web site and your child's participation in the new program.

Your child will continue to work on improving their skills through their small group or individual speech classes and as usual, I will keep you updated as to their progress in school.

Please sign and return the portion below to let me know that you will be participating in this program with your child. I look forward to a very exciting and fun filled school year! You can always contact me at the following email address: emach@sandwich.k12.ma.us.

Thank you,

Elaine Mach, M.S., CCC-SLP
Speech/Language Pathologist

CONSENT FORM

I, _____ give permission for my child
_____ to take part in the web based homework
program

Current Email Address

Parent Signature/Date