

LITERACY, STRUCTURE & SANITY FOR BUSY, BRILLIANT MOMS

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Strategies to make the most of a day!





INTRODUCTION

Welcome

I am Charlotte – a busy, budget-minded, dyslexic Mom & Grandmother

I support literacy, structure, healthy home, and self-kindness.

EDUCATION



1961 Born with a Dyslexic Mind

I didn't know it until 1986- Simon Fraser University, SFU

As an adult student began training at SFU fo become a teacher. My reading and writing level would have been measured at about grade 2 or 3 reading and writing.

2000 Orton Gillingham Educators and practitioners

Orton Gillingham
Therapeutic Tutor

Here I learned to read & write better than I could growing up and now I learned more with each student I worked with. I changed the lives of many children and their families too!

2008 Structure of Intellect

Provider of Assessment and Remediation

Looking at how the mind is developed in 27 different intellectual skills, like cognition, memory, evaluation, creativity, & problem-solving. Then strengthening any areas not yet developed.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE "DYSLEXIC-MINDED"

Dyslexic thinking is not a flaw—it often comes with giftedness.

I want people to stop saying, 'I didn't really read it, I just listened'. Stop that. If you listened, you read it. There's no right way to absorb a book.

Reese Witherspoon

You're probably creative, bigpicture-oriented, intuitive, and great at thinking outside the box

Steven Spielberg and DYSLEXIA

"Being diagnosed with dyslexia at age 60 was like the last puzzle part in a tremendous mystery that I've kept to myself all these years."



The trick is building systems that support your style.

<u>Differences &</u> <u>Trouble Spots</u>

info processing system

reading

spelling

speaking

attention

executive functions

UNDERSTANDING DYSLEXIC BRILLIANCE

How we learn has nothing to do with how brilliant we are.

- Henry Winkler -

You can be extremely bright and still have dyslexia.
You just have to understand how you learn and how you process information.
When you know that, you can overcome a lot of the obstacles that come with dyslexia.
Tim Tebow

What it means to be

How your brain is an asset for parenting!

"dyslexic-minded"?

Strengths:
creativity,
problemsolving,
intuition

STRENGTHS: CREATIVITY, PROBLEM-SOLVING, INTUITION

Creativity

Creative is the ability to transcend traditional ideas, rules, or patterns, and to bring about meaningful, innovative solutions or artistic expressions through imaginative and original thinking.

Charlotte Evans

Problem-solving

Problem solving involves identifying issues, analyzing potential solutions, and implementing strategies to effectively overcome challenges, ensuring successful outcomes and continuous improvement.



Intuition

Intuition is the innate ability to understand or know something immediately, without the need for conscious reasoning—an inner guide often felt as a gut feeling or instinct.

HOW YOUR BRAIN IS AN ASSET FOR PARENTING



You are a creative, kind, and unique problem solver. During everyday situations, you can flow from one problem to the next during everyday challenges. You have more ideas than time. You want the best for your kids, especially finding school easier than you did and be confident and successful in their learning





Words are important! The ones you say to yourselves and others. The words we hear and the attitudes that come with them may affect the way you feel about yourself. If you say "you can't" you won't. If you say "you can" you will.

A dyslexic mind can affect communication at varying levels in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. We often process language more slowly and can miss words as well as change the order of words.

MAKE LITERACY FUN AND PART OF DAILY LIFE



Multisensory

Hearing it, saying it, repeating it while writing it, will help information process and be remembered. It coordinates all the senses to work together.

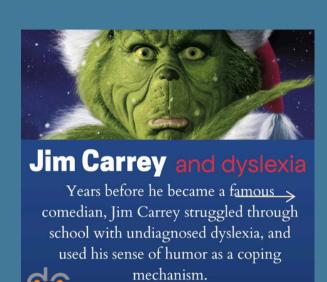
Phonetic

Language makes sense when you can hear the english sounds and know how those sounds can be represented

Sequncing

Days, Months, Letters in words, Words in sentences, Order of instructions, Words to speak

TOOLS FOR DYSLEXIC AND NEURODIVERGENT LEARNERS



Dyslexia Connect Online Tutoring www.DyslexiaConnect.com

Audio books

Tactile Learning

Use Audio books to reduce the demand and help with comprehension of material. Exposure to books reading or listening increases a persons knowledge bank.

Make it memorable!

Muscle memory is an important part of writing.

Texture boards add sensation to improve coordination and memory of letters, shapes and numbers.

Speech to text

Saying what needs to be written is more efficient sometimes. The actual formation of letters, order, order of words, keeping word order organized, and remembering long enough to get it on paper is a real this for many dyslexic minede people.

DAILY LITERACY ROUTINE

One key to peace at home is creating a structure that runs without you remembering everything.



ENCOURAGEMENT OVER PERFECTION





Step by Step

Start at where you are at

Add to what you know

Practice & remember

We can do hard things

Just because someone else told you that you couldn't doesn't mean you really can't.

You decide.

SIMPLE SYSTEMS FOR A STRUCTURED HOUSEHOLD



ONE "ANCHOR POINT" ROUTINE (MORNING OR EVENING)



PERSONAL VISUAL CHECKLISTS FOR KIDS AND MOM TASKS



Kid Lists

Things to remember to do
Use pictures if not reading
Simple steps
Post where it is easily seen
for them
Remember to check list



Mom Lists

Face
Teeth
Drink water & Supplements
movement, steps, exercise
eat whole foods
things you are grateful for

10-MINUTE TIDY METHOD



Set a timer, and everyone cleans one room





BUDGET-FRIENDLY TOOLS (DOLLAR STORE BINS, LABELS, BASKETS)



Label, label with pictures, Order same thing, Have a place for things to live.

STAYING ON BUDGET AND

AVOIDING BURNOUT

Meal plan

By creating a meal plan, you can effortlessly prepare for a week of routine meals.
Knowing what to prepare in advance reduces stress and brings ease to your cooking routine.



Time blocking tips for focus

Tasks take up the time you give them. When your time is blocked it is more efficient and tasks get done.

Household Cleaner

Switch out all the chemicals in your house cleaners with one cleaner, mine is Thieves Household Cleaner!

Letting go of guilt and comparison

Will you feeling guilty make their learning any easier?

Is this thought serving you to be your best?

The "3-item to-do list" for moms

Choose 3 things a day that matter most—then let the rest go.

Self-care isn't selfish—it's survival.

WRAP-UP & ENCOURAGEMENT

Recap of key takeaways

There are many ways for you to keep a happy, healthy, active, creative and literate

Reminder: structure = freedom

We are random thinkers and structure and organization isn't something that comes naturally for many of us. Once we become structured, we are unstoppable.



You're doing better than you think

You are amazing! You have overcome so many obstacles to get here now. You are determined and able when you understand what and how things need to be done.



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