

Windy Row Learning Center

A tutoring program for dyslexic children

Special points of interest:

- Windy Row is planning a major fund raiser in the spring. If you would like to help with the planning, please email us at info@windyrow.org.
- Windy Row's 4-4-4 Summer Program will begin in July. Sign up now by calling 924-7198.

Dyslexia: Where Great Ideas Come From

Did you know that 35% of successful entrepreneurs are dyslexic? And that dyslexia actually boosts their ability to start businesses worth millions?

Their story is told in a wonderful HBO2 documentary called "Journey into Dyslexia" (available, along with other DVDs about dyslexia, at Amazon.com).

In this documentary, dyslexic entrepreneurs describe in their own words the hurdles and benefits of dyslexia. They survived an educational system that depends on

A Windy Row tutor helps a child match letters with their sounds and shapes using a sand tray.
Photo by Marilyn Weir.



reading. Now they cherish their ability to see ideas and connections that non-dyslexic people never even suspect.

Do you know a child in kindergarten through 10th grade who is a grade level or more behind in reading? At Windy Row, we not only help them to read, we also help them to regain their

pride and enthusiasm.

Call 924-7198 or visit our website at www.windyrow.org for more information.

Windy Row Supporters Come Through

Windy Row's Christmas Wreath sales and annual fund raising appeal were so successful this year that we'll be able to offer scholarships to two children. In fact, a few businesses who

missed our wreath sales have already told us, "Sign me up for wreaths next year!"

Windy Row was featured in the Fall/Winter issue of *Monadnock Living* magazine, which

brought in more donations.

The need is always there—dyslexia doesn't go away—but thanks to all of you, the care and expertise are also there. Thank you!

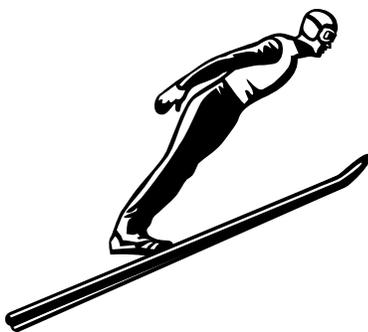


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John's Story: How John Conquered Severe Dyslexia to Win His Dream Job



In Middle School John came to Windy Row, reached grade level in reading for the first time, and went on to succeed in High School without any further tutoring. Three years later the ski patrol at a local ski area asked John to join their ranks. The only problem: he faced an extensive written, oral and practical test—and he was terrified.

After careful thought, we felt we could successfully tutor him using the ski patrol manual, a volume

as thick and large as a city telephone book. He had to read all of the chapters and take biweekly quizzes of 100 questions that contained many medical terms.

In John's previous tutoring, he had been taught "word attack skills" for multi-syllable words, but his severe dyslexia always made multi-syllable words a special problem. In tutoring sessions, we read the material together and used mnemonics to help John remember the Latin

names for bones in the arm, the sequence of steps to take on arriving at an emergency and other complex words and procedures.

Weeks of study followed. Finally, John took his test and passed with flying colors. His story serves as a shining example of how severely dyslexic children, with a little continuing support, can grow up to achieve meaningful lifetime goals—and work in jobs that help all of us.