

**Justin Davey**

**SpellRead: June 2009 – March 2010**

**It was evident by the end of primary that Justin was not doing well with his reading. During that year he didn't want to go to school, but I assumed it was the fact that I was home with him a lot and he was just suffering from separation anxiety.**

**During grade one, he continued to struggle with reading although he now enjoyed school and being with the other children. We had heard of a reading program (other than SpellRead) that we enrolled him into immediately. He spent 18 months going for tutoring and still, when he was in grade two, we were asked by the school to have him tested for a reading disability. The word "dyslexic" was hard to grasp at first, since I felt that Justin's future was now unsure.**

**SpellRead had just opened a space in Sackville, which was convenient for me as I also worked in Sackville. The child psychologist that we used was very encouraging, as she had seen great progress with other patients who had gone to SpellRead in the past. And so the story really starts from here.....**

**Justin went to SpellRead twice a week. His teacher (Charlotte) who worked with him was very supportive, encouraging, and offered a great deal of positive reinforcement.**

**After a couple of months, it was remarkable how his confidence was already improving. I still couldn't see how using "non-words" to teach him to read was going to work, but by the time school started the next September (four months), it all came together. His reading started to progress and suddenly he was enjoying his homework and his teacher was noticing huge progress in all areas.**

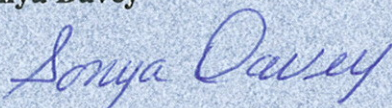
**Justin is  $\frac{3}{4}$  through grade 3 and he is now reading at grade level in English and catching up quickly in French as he is in a French Immersion program.**

**Thanks to SpellRead, in ten months he has gone from a boy who couldn't read; to a fully confident child who loves to read Chapter books and does very well at playing scrabble with the rest of the family.**

**As parents, we believe that this is the best gift you can give a child. We are forever thankful that we had the chance to do this for Justin.**

**Thank you to all at SpellRead,**

**Sonya Davey**



**Submitted by Sonya Davey, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**