

# Do you suspect that your child has a speech or language problem?

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A speech and language problem may include; mis-articulation of sounds, late development of words, difficulty communicating in social situations, stuttering, and problems expressing their thoughts. Intervention to address these issues can be provided in many different ways. The Family Speech Clinic is a private speech-language pathology service that offers individual and group therapy as well as a summer camp. Camp Inukshuk is a unique summer program that was designed three years ago by Beth Cranmer-Smith, Speech-Language Pathologist and Tammy Abbott, Communicative Disorders Assistant. It provides children between the ages of 3 and 8 with the opportunity to practice their communication skills in a fun and exciting environment.

Many parents ask “What happens if you don’t treat a speech or language problem? Will my child just grow out of it?” The answer is, not necessarily. The problem may continue and affect acquisition of reading and writing skills and of other language-based academic skills. We frequently see children with speech and language problems. According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, “Investment in early childhood education is of key importance to build a strong foundation for lifelong learning and to ensure equitable access to learning opportunities later in school.”

The camp was renamed this year as **Camp Inukshuk** to better represent what the camp has to offer. An inukshuk is an Inuit statue made of rock slabs in the image of a person. The purpose is to serve as a guide in the treeless tundra of the Canadian Arctic.

Camp Inukshuk



Guiding your Child in the Right Direction!

Enroll early as space is limited!  
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A day camp for improving speech, language, literacy, social and academic skills.

- ☺ Enhance communication skills in speech and language
- ☺ Build social confidence 1:1 and in groups
- ☺ Strengthen learning basics such as attention and following directions
- ☺ Improve academic performance in reading and writing
- ☺ Get ready for kindergarten
- ☺ Have fun and make new friends

Presented by the Family Speech Clinic



Camp Inukshuk will guide your child in the right direction in the area of communication. You should register your child in Camp Inukshuk if your child has a suspected or identified speech or language problem. It also offers specific programming for children experiencing difficulty with social skills. A Montessori teacher is available to provide intervention for children with reading and writing difficulties. It also provides an educational and stimulating environment for children who need to develop and/or improve specific academic and social skills prior to entering kindergarten.

The Camp is staffed by experienced professionals, knowledgeable in the treatment of communication challenges. Parents have made several comments that the camp staff are very caring, patient as well as highly skilled. Therapy is provided in individual and group formats. Each child has an individualized set of predetermined goals targeted throughout the week(s). A low ratio of 3-4 instructors for a maximum of 10 children ensures that individualized goals receive personal attention. One parent commented that “The ratio of therapists to children was extremely beneficial to my child.” Fun activities such as crafts, songs, stories, science projects, baking, and games focus on learning communication skills while having fun. According to one parent, “My child brought home the best crafts that I’ve ever seen from a camp.”

Camp Inukshuk is located at Bogart Public School in Newmarket.