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## AVKO Educational Research Foundation Newsletter

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### AVKO Turns 35 in 2009!

I remember when I was a kid, I thought 35 was ancient. Well, now that I've reached the double lucky 77, I think 35 is very young indeed. Here I was barely 42, already ancient when I and some of my close friends and relatives founded the AVKO Educational Research Foundation. We knew, or at least thought we knew, what we were about to create. We hoped to start an organization that would do real research into the problems of why so many kids end up being very poor readers by the time they are old enough to leave school. That was the reason we wanted the words Educational Research to be part of our name. We decided on going the

Dear AVKO Subscriber:

We are excited to announce that AVKO has joined Facebook and Blogger (Blogspot) to give our members more opportunities to express their concerns, tell their stories, and network with other educators, homeschoolers, and family members of dyslexics. Read on for more information.

There are also only 2 weeks left for the [February book of the month](#) special on *Individualized Keyboarding*.

### February's Book of the Month

February's [Book of the Month](#) is *Individualized Keyboarding*. Teach typing without needless drills of individual keys; learn to type in the context of real, decodable words and sentences. Uses the same approach as *Sequential Spelling*. Receive a 10% discount on this book if you are not a [member](#) of the AVKO Educational Research Foundation or 32.5% if you are a member.

See the [Book of the Month](#) page for more information.

### Read AVKO's Blog on Blogger (Blogspot)

AVKO now has a blog (weblog) that you can [read online](#). A blog is an online journal that others can read. We will be using this forum for the posting of events, to share new additions to the websites, to cull your opinions, to test out new ideas for articles, share web specials, and to allow you to more actively contribute to AVKO's mission. You do not need an account to read the blog, but you will need one if you want to post comments. You can bookmark the page, or you can choose to "subscribe" to the blog via RSS (Really Simple Syndication). You can use Google Reader, Firefox, Gmail, Yahoo!, or other services to manage your RSS feeds.

### AVKO on Facebook

non-profit route with the great expectations (Sorry, Charles Dickens) of being able to qualify for government grants and certainly charitable grants from large philanthropic organizations, such as the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation....

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### **New Article on AVKO.org: Remediating your Existing Spelling Program**

What do you do if your child is using a traditional spelling program but you want to help them out?

[Read the Article](#)

AVKO now has a [Facebook "group"](#) you can join. This forums is open to the public; anyone can join immediately. The AVKO Facebook group allows you to see other members, use the discussion boards, view the AVKO videos online without downloading them to your computer, view and share pictures, post to the virtual "wall," and more. You do not need an account to see the group, but you will need an account (free) to join the group or participate in any online activities in the group. Join today and invite your friends!

### **Watch AVKO's Free Videos Online! No Downloading!**

Both of the AVKO Videos, "Sequential Spelling" and "To Teach a Dyslexic," can now be watched online -- without having to download large video files! Visit our [video page](#) to watch them now!

Be sure to forward the video link to all of your friends and family who could benefit from the encouragement, resources, and materials that AVKO provides to thousands.

### **Reminders from Last Time**

#### **New video clips online:**

Video clips of the two [AVKO Videos](#) are now available on the website in addition to the full videos. These clips are important sections of the videos that give you the gist of what the videos are about and show you some of the highlights.

#### **The New Get Involved Section:**

Looking for a way to volunteer and help others learn to read and spell? [Get involved!](#)

#### **Popular Workshop Resources Now Available:**

Get your [workshop handouts](#)  
[Listen to full workshops](#) by Don McCabe (Mp3)

#### **Discounts available for Clearance Items**

AVKO has many of our materials available for discounts of 40-55% off because they are previous editions, slightly damaged, or the books have since gotten a new binding/cover. View the [Clearance Items](#) today to get a steal!

#### **AVKO Needs Volunteers Like YOU!**

If you are interested in helping out in any way that you can, please visit our [Volunteer page](#). Note that many of these possibilities can be done from your own home, with access to a computer and the

internet.

**Sincerely,**

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