Classroom Accommodations ~Lower School

- **50% extended time** on in-class assignments such as tests, and quizzes

- **Additional Support Recommendations based on assessment**
  Reading
  - Decoding assistance
  - Direct instruction in phonological awareness
  - Repeated oral reading opportunities at school and at home
  - Explicit instruction in sight word vocabulary, morpheme, base words, context clues
  - Access to audio-texts while reading along in written text at home

  Writing
  - Minimal penalty for spelling errors on in-class assignments where spelling is not the focus of the assignment
  - Graphic organizers for writing tasks, including language frames
  - Mnemonics used for learning vocabulary

  Math
  - Procedure cards for mathematical problem-solving steps
  - Flashcards and other visual modes of memorizing math facts, skip counting, and math algorithms

  Skills instruction
  - Monitor initiation of tasks and progress
  - Check for understanding of directions
  - Chunk longer assignments, including tests, into smaller, more manageable components with breaks whenever possible
  - Specific, intentional praise for efforts as well as product
  - Cover-copy-compare for spelling word and math fact fluency
  - Recognition tasks over recall tasks whenever possible
  - Use recognition to scaffold recall proficiency during instruction
  - Salient information and patterns should be explicitly taught as much as possible
  - Use of a word processor for writing assignments will be extremely beneficial through the years. Practice at home with numerous online programs, such as Keyboarding Without Tears, is recommended.
  - Pair verbal instructions with visual cues

  Environment
  - Preferential seating
  - Gross motor activities or sensory breaks as needed such as wall pushes, bear hugs, bean bag squeeze
  - Small group, multisensory instruction
  - Less-distracting test environment to reduce distraction when possible
  - Noise-canceling headphones (provided by parent)

  Outside support
  - Continued individual tutoring for reading, math, and writing skills
  - Access to audio-texts while reading along in written text
  - Use of dictation software for home-based assignments