

1:1 READING/WRITING LESSONS

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- Professional experience as a specialized reading teacher
- 10+ years ELA teaching experience
- Online education business
- BA special education
- MA gifted education
- Doctoral student
- Master's thesis on social-emotional needs and literature



CREATIVE WRITING

- Narrative Writing
- Design a character
- Design a world (paracosm)
- "Show, Don't Tell" writing style
- Descriptive writing with the five senses
- Word variation (other words for "said")
- Writing as a creative process (FOFE framework - Fluency, Originality, Flexibility, and Elaboration)
- Using advanced vocabulary correctly
- Using complicated sentence structures
- Journaling for idea fluency/higher word count
- Revising for precise word choice
- Revising for clear descriptions and imagery
- Revising for consistent voice and tone

RESEARCH WRITING

- Essay writing (outline formation)
- Essay writing (thesis statements)
- Essay writing (developing strong introductory, body, and closing paragraphs)
- Transition words and transition phrases
- Understanding what reliable sources are, especially when researching online (i.e. not just assuming everything on the internet is true)
- The writing process
- Retelling/summarizing scientific and historical information
- Common errors in writing
- Moving a good answer to great answer
- Executive functioning and writing
- More upon special request

WELCOME

Each lesson is designed to take 25-30 minutes. Students leave the lesson with a summary that includes a clear list of additional activities to complete before the next lesson. More or less homework upon request.

READING

- Fluency activities
- 100 Common New Words to master at each grade level
- Making predictions
- Inferencing
- Vocabulary (using context clues)
- Vocabulary (using root words)
- Determining text importance
- Text-to-self/text-to-text/text-to-world connections
- Common text structure
- Nonfiction text structure indicators
- Bloom's taxonomy question stems
- Monitoring for meaning
- Fix-up monitoring strategies
- Questioning the text
- Questions to ask before, during, and after reading
- Visualizing to aid comprehension
- The hero's journey/common plot structures
- Analyzation skills (applied to plots)
- Author's message analyzation
- Habits of good readers
- Character analyzation
- Self-reflection prompts for discovering a love of reading
- Book projects (9+ fun projects to choose from with a book of your choice)
- Book talks/book reports