

Village Project



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Nicolet Elementary School

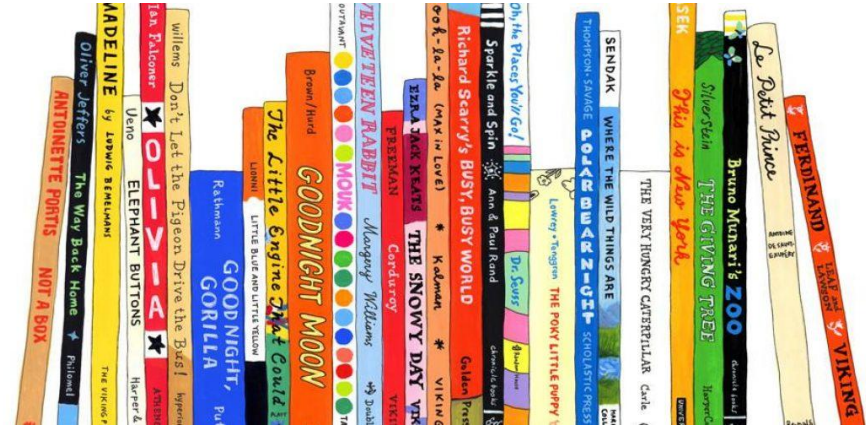
Female Student
8 years old
3rd grade



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Goals

I tutor my student with the goal of improving her literacy skills by focusing on reading, and spelling of site words. A second main focus includes building a relationship with her, helping her to understand her feelings and how to help her brain grow by having student-led conversations.



What I've Learned So Far

- Learning how to build a relationship with my tutee
- The goals of the school as a whole and how to support her in a way that will align with her daily school
- Lesson Planning



Challenges

- Keeping the students attention for the entire 30 min session
- Keeping her focused on the academic plan and topics rather than storytelling
- Relating literacy work to things she enjoys



Reflection

So far, I have really enjoyed serving at Nicolet Elementary School! It is evident the disparity that many of the students we are working with face and going in weekly knowing that my actions are making a difference even in just one student's life is such a valuable experience. Everyone on staff has been super kind and all of the kids get excited when we arrive which is super fun! I have already begun to develop a rapport with my tutee, as she shares things she enjoys doing outside of school and tells me lots about her hobbies and family! We were told on our second visit that our tutees had already asked when we would be back, even just moments like that show how important we can become to these students and through that hopefully, how much we can help them to grow in their academic skill and emotional growth.

