



Tutor Tips

- **Establish consistency.** Having a specific day and time each week to meet for tutoring is crucial when getting to know young students. The student will (hopefully) grow to look forward to spending time with their tutors, and this provides an opportunity for more effective learning.
- **Maintain focus.** Avoid multitasking or speaking with other adults during tutoring sessions. A few hours without looking at a cell phone may seem like a lifetime, but that extra attention might be meaningful in the course of one student's day.
- **Encourage perseverance¹.** Most tutors can remember the struggles of spelling lists and long division! Try encouraging the students through difficult sessions and remind them that some skills require additional practice.
- **Hide frustration.** All students learn at different paces. Becoming frustrated is completely understandable. However, displaying those feelings will not help the student grasp the concept.
- **Diversify learning.** Incorporating games or other activities that reinforce learning will make the tutoring session more fun for the student. Finding additional study methods can also help the tutor distinguish how the student best learns.
- **Acknowledge success¹.** Praising students' academic successes not only brings them pride in their work, but also builds confidence to continue reaching goals.

¹"Tutoring." *Study Guides and Strategies*. Web. 20 July 2013.
<<http://www.studygs.net/tutoring.htm>>.