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Denise has tutored my daughter for the entire 2019-2020 school year. She spends two sessions per week on Wilson, to help her with her reading difficulties, and one session per week on math, where my daughter also has dyslexia-related struggles.

Denise is an amazing tutor. In the sessions, her extensive experience with children and passion for teaching shines through; she is always upbeat, patient, and knows how to keep things fun and positive. She can read my daughter's mood, and knows when she needs a "brain break." With me the parent, she is highly organized, keeps me updated with how she is doing, and is always happy to answer my questions or discuss her progress.

While the Wilson system is more prescribed, there is no set curriculum for math tutoring, and this is where Denise really demonstrates her ability to assimilate information and think comprehensively about my daughter and what she needs. In deciding what subjects to cover, she took input from me, reviewed my daughter's previous work, connected with my daughter's teacher to see what she planned to teach, and reviewed the Pennsylvania math standards. Once she had identified the relevant topics, she drew from a vast range of online and other resources to plan lessons that were game based and fun for my daughter, and then revised the lessons based upon her time with my daughter and seeing where her weaknesses and strengths lay. I have no experience myself as an educator or with learning differences, and I so appreciate that she has been able to figure out what to teach, and how to teach my daughter, instead of leaving me to try and figure out the details of what my daughter needs.

From the outset of interviewing Wilson tutors for my daughter, I had the sense that Denise was a superior candidate; her resume was excellent, and in talking with her, she was enthusiastic, polished, organized, and even answered questions that I had not thought to ask. I was hoping to find someone who could help my daughter with math along with Wilson, and there are few tutors who can do this well. In summary, Denise is the tutor I was wishing to find, but feared might not actually exist. I am so grateful for how much Denise has helped my daughter. Not only is my daughter doing better in school, but also, on an emotional level, she feels more confident in herself and is less frustrated with learning in general than she was before we began. I highly recommend Denise to anyone looking for a tutor for their child, in virtually any subject!

-Current parent