

Reading Tutoring: BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS

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The power to read is among the most important skills for a student to function and prosper in school and beyond. It infiltrates every facet of life, from minuscule tasks, such as reading a menu, to more difficult ones, such as analyzing dense texts in advanced college courses.

Setting a foundation from the early stages is crucial for your child to build upon and grow while advancing in school. Many reading tutoring programs are designed to help elementary through high school-aged students develop needed language skills. Tutors help students reach their full potential, instilling an understanding of reading basics.

Elementary School

At a young age, children exposed to language begin to recognize the connection words have to their daily lives. The ability to read sets the stage for elementary school students to learn independently, absorb information, and enjoy reading pleasures.

In these early years, your child will pivot from "learning to read" to "reading to learn." This can only happen with a strong understanding of reading basics, including phonics, spelling, and vocabulary.

Reading tutoring ensures the development of your elementary-aged child's ability to sound out words, build a diverse vocabulary, and master spelling. Continuing to work with a reading tutor in the later years of elementary school is equally beneficial, providing guided support to build skills such as reading comprehension, critical thinking skills, word meaning, and the ability to form opinions after reading a story.

Middle School

When students reach middle school, they will encounter new demands in and out of the classroom — such as more challenging homework assignments, tests, quizzes, and more. Because of this, the help of a reading tutor may be necessary to keep your child up to speed.

Middle school reading builds upon the foundation set in elementary school, requiring a greater range and complexity of vocabulary words, the need for a deeper understanding and comprehension of literary and scientific texts, and the ability to use context to gather meaning.

For both strong readers and struggling readers, reading tutoring programs offer a unique opportunity to master reading and related skills to be successful as they advance throughout the school year.

Middle school is often the right time for students to work with a reading tutor, as high school and college entrance exams — such as the ACT and SAT — sit just on the horizon.

High School

High school students are introduced to the expectations and demanding academic environment they will face once they enter college or a career.

High school courses require students to be able to extract information and deep meaning from texts, whether the author's symbolism and messaging are stated explicitly or implicitly. Heavy workloads — coupled

with dense and difficult texts — can leave teens struggling to keep up. A lack of strong reading skills will only make this time more challenging.

Reading comprehension tutoring helps high school students balance the variety of assigned materials. Alongside the reading tutor, your child will use the foundational skills developed in elementary and middle school on an advanced level, giving them a "leg up" on standardized testing in college and the workplace after graduation.

By exploring reading tutoring, students will not only experience a boost in reading scores and comprehension, but they will also see a boost in confidence as they recognize their true abilities. For more information, visit www.huntingtonhelps.com/locations/cherry-hill-nj.

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