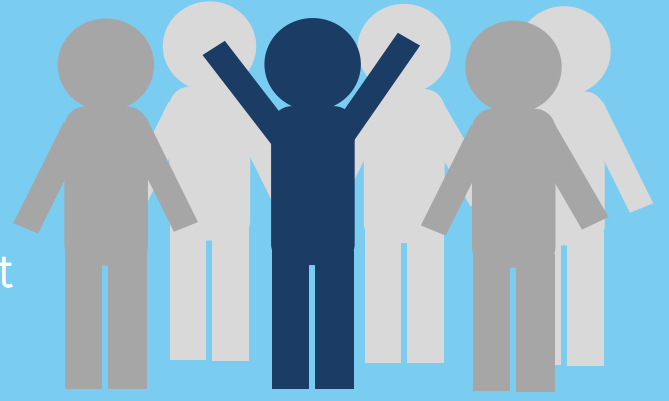


TUTORING OUR SIDEKICKS: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF SIDEKICKS

It's important to remember that our sidekicks are siblings of children with chronic illness and/or special needs. Sometimes, our sidekicks need support when it comes to engagement, concentration, and completing school work. Their experience is different than a lot of kids their age, be patient!



CHILDREN AGES 5-10: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

During this time, children are beginning to understand the feelings of accomplishment and pride. When given encouragement, children feel empowered to reach for their goals, which then builds up their self-esteem. Children ages 5-10 will have different interests, skills, and level of engagement. Talk to your sidekick, even if it is just five minutes, and get to know them!



BENEFITS OF TUTORING

Children who receive one-to-one tutoring are more likely to earn higher scores on both reading and writing. Tutoring also has a positive impact on reading fluency and math and verbal skills.



TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL TUTORING



1. School is repetitive, making it hard to keep your students engaged. Giving the student an opportunity to choose what they want to do helps them engage. If possible, try to make a game out of the material they are learning, make it fun!
2. A sense of accomplishment is important for kids this age. Help them set goals that are realistic for the session. Having a goal also helps with motivation to complete schoolwork.
3. Be patient and positive! Remember each child has different strengths. Children may seem nervous if they are not understanding the material. Being patient and giving praise are key in boosting a child's self-esteem.