

TUTORING OUR SIDEKICKS: MIDDLE 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!



ADOLESCENTS AGES 11-14: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Adolescence is a time between childhood and adulthood. During this stage, adolescents are becoming more independent and are beginning to discover where their place will be in society. While adolescents want more independence, they also still want to be a kid.

TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL TUTORING



1. Get to know your student! A positive relationship between you and your student has a positive influence on the students academics.
2. Middle school students thrive when they are given choices. If possible, create opportunities for your student to choose what they want to do!
3. Many students feel disengaged in school. Make learning fun through interaction, games, and giving your student a chance to be creative. When creating fun, it is important to make sure you are still working towards your students goals.
4. Middle school means there is a lot more homework and study time than elementary school. Sometimes, this transition is hard! While working on academics, try to teach your student about time management, organization, and study skills. Try coming up with a time each day they can set aside to do homework and study.
5. Middle schoolers just need empathy, enthusiasm, and encouragement. During your session, make time to listen to them and have a conversation!