

Max's Story



Max's learning difficulties started in preschool. His teacher called him lazy because he would avoid doing worksheets. In kindergarten, he would complain of stomachaches every week to avoid going to school. His teacher worried about his lack of progress despite his hard work and was puzzled by his inconsistencies. Because of his stress at school, Max developed new anxieties: he became scared of the dark, developed night terrors, refused to stay in a room alone, became easily tearful, and was in a constant bad mood. Needless to say, it was a difficult time for our entire family!

Max's kindergarten teacher prompted us to get testing for Max. We are so glad that we tested Max early because it was the beginning of a turn around in our lives. All signs pointed to dyslexia. Often children are not diagnosed with dyslexia until 3rd or 4th grade so we were blessed to be able to find help while he is still quite young.

Because he was at a private school, we had to pay for the educational testing (\$1000) on top of the cost of a speech therapist and psychologist, none of which our insurance would cover. The financial cost to diagnose and help our son became overwhelming. We began to miss house payments in order to pay for the educational/medical bills. We moved him to a public school and began to look for specialized tutoring. Thankfully, we found the Children's Dyslexia Center.

Max is now a happy, confident, first grader who loves school thanks to the Children's Dyslexia Center. Since Max has started tutoring with Ms. Lauer, we have a completely different child! It has been a miracle to see Max's anxieties completely disappear as his confidence and love of learning have increased exponentially. He started the first grade year at the bottom of the class but has moved up to the academic middle with solid skills. He'll always have to work harder than his peers, but with the support he has been given, he now has the confidence to succeed. And our family is a happy one again! Thank you for all you have given us.

Now he doesn't just say "goodnight" to us, he spells it!

With gratitude,
Bruce & Shannah