

Sample Education Journey

2nd grade

CURRENT OBSERVATIONS

My Overall Concerns:

1. Losing influence over my daughter, and her losing herself if she continues
2. She picks up bad behavior, then I have to undo it
3. Student population not learning to respect authority
4. School/parents focus on parties and fun too much
5. Pressure on parents to obligate time with stricter requirements
6. My day is very fragmented and broken up driving back and forth
7. I find myself re-teaching her concepts every week because the teaching in the classroom is so brief
8. Ava's experience last year was terrible, and this year is playing catch up

My Greatest Concerns in the Classroom:

1. State standards are running the teacher and kids
2. Timing of assignments nearly all day long
3. Works well on homework at home in quiet environment, not in class with distractions
4. Kids are not always encouraged to *think* and *use* their knowledge
5. Many distractions and disruptions in the classroom
6. Kids work out of workbooks almost all day
7. Teacher does not discuss their work and typically never sees their completed classwork, it is just sent home
8. Lack of assignments requiring focus
9. Teacher skips around from one assignment to the next without finishing the last lesson

Weaknesses in School:

1. Staying tuned in to the lesson

2. Easily distracted by others
3. Completing work on time
4. Feeling pressured during her day due to many timed assignments
5. Writing and spelling

Strengths in School:

1. Reading/science/math/visual arts/performing arts
2. Very responsible for belongings, due dates, being prepared for class
3. Enthusiastic about learning, great attitude, perseverance
4. Explaining how things work, great imagination, creative
5. Verbal expression
6. Friendship, wanting to help others
7. Follows rules
8. Open communication with parents about problems, successes, concerns, questions

My Current Investment

I dedicate 35-45 hours/month (transportation, homework, parental involvement hours)

\$425/month (gas, classroom supplies, etc.)

\$150 beginning of year supplies