

Advice from Tutors

Basically everything we went over in orientation was good wisdom (get to know your tutee, set a regular time that works for you both, have fun, know/review the material so you know what you're talking about, sum up everything in the last five minutes of the session, be encouraging, etc.) - *Andria Hall*

When you showed your video it seems like everyone said legitimate things and I don't really have anything to add. Except maybe that you should keep expectations realistic and avoid showing frustration. Even if you are just frustrated with yourself, with the material, or the learning process tutees seem to interpret any display as a personal rebuke making them nervous, defensive, and incapable of learning the material. - *Noah Randolph-Flagg*

Something that has been helpful for me so far is to write down on a sheet of paper well we are going the new things I have taught her/shortcuts/problems she is having so she can remember the next day without me how to do things! - *Megan Morrison*

The only words of wisdom I would have for other tutors is to make sure that the kids explain something that you taught them back to you. I often find that Sophie says she understands something but unless she has to put it in her own words, she doesn't really hold on to whatever concept I am trying to teach her. And I think having them recap what they learned at the end is also really helpful. That's pretty much it. - *Nina Whitney*

I guess the important thing that I would share with other tutors is to get to know your tutee in the beginning so that they feel comfortable asking you questions and talking to you about challenges they're having. It also makes it a lot more fun because you can talk to your tutee about their lives outside of the school subject that you're working on. - *Katie Storey*

I've found a plethora of free worksheets online (multiplication facts, word problems, graphing exercises, etc.) that I will print out and bring along to work on after her homework is completed. They are usually review for her and I'll have her "be the teacher" and explain to me how to do them. It has been a lot of fun and it is such a nice break from college work. - *Lindsey Madison*

Suggestions for tutoring: build up a rapport early on with the student...this has been really helpful, we now have a bit of a routine: I check in on how she is doing in life (outside of school), we work on some math, then we check in about her other classes. I think having a pattern of what you do in a tutoring session is also helpful...this sets a precedent for when and how you start doing work. - *Irene Koplinka-Loehr*

I guess one thing that I've been doing is, if he isn't understanding the material, to try and reteach him some of the material from a perspective that his teacher may not have taken. Usually that has turned out well. - *Owen Demke*