

We met with Perk Musacchio in February of 2019 based on a referral from our school's reading specialist because our 1<sup>st</sup> grade daughter was behind. She struggled with reading; including sight words, nonsense words, decoding and fluency. From our initial conversation, Perk was reassuring, positive and extremely compelling to begin tutoring immediately. By the end of Maddie's hour-long evaluation at our house, Perk had a frank assessment of the areas Maddie was deficient in along with a plan for action. She scheduled weekly tutoring sessions at our house and urged us to contact a local Occupational Therapist group that specializes in learning and reading disabilities.

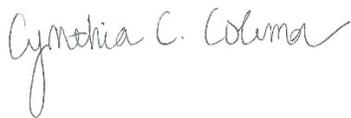
Maddie met with Mrs. Musacchio on a weekly basis from our initial meeting through the month of June. With Perk's patience, expertise, attentiveness and guidance for home support; Maddie impressed us with immediate growth. Her reading specialists were delighted to share the news of "amazing growth" during our monthly Action Plan meetings. I did not peruse a Sensory Processing Assessment with the local therapy group because of Maddie's rapid improvement with all aspects of her reading issues and noted boost in her self-esteem.

In June, Perk had a frank conversation with us. Although Maddie showed a lot of growth in just 5 months; Perk was still identifying signs of processing issues that impacted Maddie's educational and personal development. During the difficult conversation I realized Perk was not only Maddie's tutor, but she had also become Maddie's Advocate. I immediately took her advice and did the Sensory Processing Assessment and began the course of placing her on an Individual Education Plan with our school district.

Perk not only provided advice during the complicated progression of diagnosis, treatment and school meetings she held my hand and guided me in a world of treatment that was foreign to me. She met with Maddie to assure her comfort and understanding of what the therapy process entailed. She was Maddie's Advocate and made sure she was receiving the best treatment and care from everyone involved.

Within a year of meeting Perk, Maddie's growth is immeasurable. Our daughter is a bigger version of herself. The treatment has affected every aspect of Maddie. Her reading rate is now grade appropriate, her comprehension and speed in school has improved drastically and her gross motor skills are balanced, making physical tasks fluid and effortless. These advancements have boosted Maddie's self-esteem and independence as well as heightened her sense of humor and her sparkle.

Perk Musacchio changed our lives. She single-handedly altered Maddie's trajectory in life. I knew my daughter was perfect. Perk made Maddie recognize her strength and ability; and as her Advocate aligned the necessary treatment to help Maddie realize that she is perfect.



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