

Our son is a bright, intelligent young man who was crying every night from the frustration of trying to read. We spent hours struggling with homework. He tried so hard but was getting nowhere. In third grade, we approached his public school for assistance and were told that he had to **fail** two grade levels before they could even assess him, let alone provide him with any help. **FAIL? Who of us wants to see our child fail?**

We are concerned parents and refused to accept that outcome for our child. By the grace of God, we found Fundamental Learning Center and Josh received the intense remediation he needed. Sadly to say, in one-way not early enough for him. He was already imprinted with the shame of not being able to read and still carries that with him.

We adults, who can read and can do so easily, do not understand how hard it is on a child who cannot. Children who have trouble reading blame themselves and often so do we. We think if they just tried harder and focused. If they just didn't goof around. Our son did try as hard as any third grader could try. He desperately wanted to read, write and spell so he stayed on task with his homework until we had to force him to go to bed.

Josh was so grateful for the help he received that he sent a letter to Senator Moran about the need for the State of Kansas to recognize dyslexic. I have included a piece of it here: *"Through private tutoring obtained by my parents, which taught me to process written language, I will graduate in the top 5% of my class. There are many deserving children that are unable to obtain this assistance because their parents are unable to afford private tutoring. I am one of the lucky ones".*

Josh is right. We are the lucky ones and were able to afford Fundamental's superb literacy help for our son. But so many others that is not an option and their children deserve the help they need without watching their child fail for two years.

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