

November

THE TUTOR TRIBUNE

A Word of Gratitude:

This time of year, we'd like to express our heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to work with your children. It's a privilege to see them grow, learn, and thrive. We truly value the trust you've placed in us to support your child's educational journey. We wish all of our families a warm and joyful Thanksgiving! May your month be filled with gratitude, family time, and of course, plenty of learning moments.



Student Spotlight: Julia

Julia has been working hard during our sessions every day since we started. She comes in on time every day and is always ready to go! When we first started, Julia really struggled to understand the key concepts of her assignments and what was the key information to retain. Ever since we started, her abilities have grown IMMENSELY! Julia works hard and always asks good questions. Julia even scored her highest exam score of the semester since we started working on her Algebra II materials. Julia is an amazing student and I couldn't be more proud! Way to go, Julia! Keep it up!



Meet Our New Tutors



Meet Jailene!

Jailene is a valuable and dedicated member of our team and contributes her skills to not only support students academically, but also personally to help them become their best selves. She initially was pursuing a career in Nuclear Engineering at Urbana Champaign but realized her passion and love for education and is now pursuing her degree in Secondary Education with a Concentration in Mathematics at University of Chicago. Her strong background in Math and Science allows her to fully understand the content her students are struggling with, as well as use her teaching training to break those concepts down and make them clear for her students. Jailene also supports students in their Spanish courses, Test Prep for the SAT and ACT, and general study skills support. She believes in advocating for her students no matter what they need. She wants to make a difference in their view of education as well as their lives. She brings so much to the table academically, but when she is not tutoring, you'll find her doing puzzles, crosswords, art, and more! She really enjoys the creative side of life and brings that into her hobbies through drawing, painting, and more. Her favorite hobby, however, is spending time with her dog



Meet Rithika!

Rithika is an incredible member of our team and brings with her an abundance of knowledge and compassion for her students. Her background in Computer Science has helped her to see math and science in a new light which allows her to diversify her tutoring for each student based on their individual needs. Not only is Rithika experienced with the material, but she also believes in educating whenever she can. She volunteered as a mentor and tutor throughout her college career, supporting the local community and their students. Rithika has a wealth of subject expertise, bringing her knowledge of Math, Science, and English to our team. She is also ready to help your student tackle the SAT, having scored above a 1500 herself! Rithika believes that, with the right support, every student is capable of success – they just need the right motivation. She works hard to support her students and lead by example. Not only is Rithika a great tutor, but also a great role model who strives to make a difference in her student's lives.

More from Rithika:

"I believe I am a good role model because I value hard work and

More from Jailene:

"I am a highly career-driven, ambitious, and hardworking individual with a strong sense of honesty and integrity. I believe in creating an environment where students feel comfortable and supported, especially in areas where they may struggle. I know that nobody is perfect, and it's okay to face challenges—it's all part of the learning process. I like to make students feel comfortable in the areas that they are struggling in. Nobody is perfect, so it's ok to be challenged. To me, problems are fun little puzzles."

empathy and emphasize having a good work ethic. I strive to demonstrate what a strong work ethic looks like and how different challenges can be handled and broken down so we can leave each situation having learned something. Additionally, I really value empathy and integrity and try to demonstrate that with how I treat other people in everyday life. I hope this can influence others, especially my students, and lead by being a positive example. I want new students and families to know I am a huge math nerd! I love all things math and learning or re-learning different concepts! I also love any logic puzzles and love to do the New York Times games every day, especially the crossword and connections. I also love to read crime fiction books, bake new recipes(especially chocolate chip cookies), and try different workout classes whenever I can!"

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Holiday Break Tips for Maintaining Momentum

Educational Family Time: Explore local museums, nature trails, or community events that align with what your child is learning. These experiences can help bring lessons to life.

Illinois Museums and Places to Visit:

1. The Museum of Science and Industry
2. The Morton Arboretum
3. DuPage Children's Museum
4. Chicago Botanical Gardens
5. Naper Settlement

Reading: Encourage your child to pick up a fun book over the break—whether it's a mystery, adventure, or a non-fiction book on a topic they love. You can also read aloud together and discuss the plot, characters, and new

Magic Milk Science Experiment:

This experiment demonstrates the interaction between soap, fat, and milk, and creates some colorful swirls that look like magic!

What you need:

- Whole milk (about 1/2 cup)
- Food coloring (several colors)
- Dish soap (a few drops)
- A shallow dish or plate
- Cotton swabs

How to do it:

1. Pour the milk: Pour the whole milk into the shallow dish or plate, covering the bottom evenly. Make sure the milk is fresh and at room temperature for the best results.
2. Add food coloring: Drop a few different colors of food coloring into the milk. You can drop them in different spots to create colorful patches.
3. Prepare the magic tool: Dip a cotton swab into dish soap, making sure the tip is well-coated.
4. Make the magic happen: Touch the soapy cotton swab to the center of the milk (where the food coloring is) and watch the colors swirl and move as if by magic!

What's happening:

Milk contains fats, and when you add dish soap, it breaks down the fat molecules in the milk. The food coloring reacts to the movement of the soap, creating beautiful, colorful swirls. The soap reduces the surface tension of the milk and causes the colors to spread out rapidly.

Why is this a great experiment?

- Visual and exciting: The swirling colors will captivate kids and make them feel like they're watching a magic trick.
- Easy and safe: This experiment is simple, quick, and non-messy. Plus, it's a fun way to talk about science concepts like molecules, surface tension, and chemical reactions.
- Hands-on learning: Kids get to actively experiment by adding the soap and watching the results.

Enjoy the colorful "magic"!

Educational Games & Apps: There are many games that turn into a fun, educational challenge (Hint: These also make great Christmas gifts!☐)



Educational Games:

Our top 5 educational games

1. [LeapFrog LeapPad Academy](#)



Educational Apps & Online Games:

Our top 3 educational apps for kids

- Kids' Learning Tablet
- 2. Hasbro Gaming Scrabble Junior Board Game
- 3. Educational Insights Kanoodle 3D Brain Teaser Puzzle
- 4. The World Game - Fun Geography Board Game
- 5. CoolToys Number Genius - Interactive Electronic Math Game with Sketch Pad - Educational Math Learning Games for Kids

- 1. Adventure Academy
- 2. ABCya!
- 3. Khan Academy Kids

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