# LIONHEART TUTORING PROGRAMS

K-12 Math, Reading, Writing, Chinese, Standardized Test Prep



Having tutored over 125 students through word of mouth in math, reading, writing, Chinese, and standardized tests, we at Lionheart Tutoring, LLC can help your child succeed. We have sought the best methods available to create the premiere tutoring program on the Main Line. Please read inside to find out more about our tutoring.

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#### **METHODS**

- Phonics and reading comprehension programs based on direct instruction for reading difficulties
- Singapore Math bar modeling for elementary school math problems
- Lionheart Standardized Test Prep in oneon-one and small class settings
- Interactive Mandarin Chinese lessons

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#### FAST FACTS ON OUR FOUNDER

#### **Education:**

- M.S.Ed. in Reading/Writing/Literacy Studies from the University of Pennsylvania
- B.A. in English & World Literature from Pitzer College, CA
- Certified PA Reading Specialist K-12

## Teaching:

- Fulbright English Teaching Fellow to South Korea, 2008-2009
- Singapore Math K-8 Tutor, FACTS Charter School, Philadelphia, 2011-2012
- Teaching Assistant, Benchmark School, Media, PA, Summer 2005





#### A PERSONAL NOTE

From experience, we know that many parents are looking for a better educational experience for their child, whether he or she is struggling with understanding or struggling with boredom. We cannot express how rewarding it is for us to hear parents say that our methods are what they've always wanted for their children.

# The Lionheart Tutoring Difference

## MATH (K - CALCULUS 1)

Math can be a significant challenge for many students. Not only does it involve abstract reasoning, but it can be exhausting in its attention to seemingly minor details. With each level of math from early addition to Calculus 1, we take the time needed to help students make sense of what they are learning. We use step-by-step instruction to help students master the skills necessary for success. For elementary school students, we draw on the Singapore Math bar model for word problems, which can help students understand which operation to perform. For middle school students, we help students make their pre-Algebra and Algebra skills automatic and adaptable to different situations. With our high school students, we model the correct problemsolving techniques and provide copious amounts of practice for students to solidify their understanding.

#### READING

Many parents find it difficult to convince their children to read on their own. It seems like they have a million other things that they are interested in doing, none of which involve turning pages. Many times, a child's dogmatic resistance to reading actually underlies a key problem with reading. Millions of elementary school students struggle with reading problems, which can range from problems with sound-letter correspondences to reading comprehension. Unfortunately, many of these problems are not discovered until fourth grade when the reading material at school shifts to more advanced texts. If reading is a chore or a constant struggle in any grade, then it will not right itself without some timely tutoring.

Using the best methods, we reach students everywhere from struggling to advanced. Depending on the unique needs of your child, we will cover phonics, reading comprehension, inferences, and visualization.

#### WRITING

The blank page can be incredibly intimidating to young writers (and older writers as well!). We have found that many students have great ideas, but do not quite know how to convey them on the page. Founder Dan Chinburg, a certified reading specialist, has developed a system for students of all ages to make the writing process nearly automatic. In addition, we teach students grammar through direct instruction. It is unfortunate that many schools have walked away from grammar instruction or put it off to later grades. We find that students who understand the structure of our language are more confident in writing because they know they are following the right rules. Learning to write well can help students open many opportunities for future careers.

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# An Expansive Array of Tutoring

## STANDARDIZED TESTS

As students pursue higher levels of education, they find themselves taking more and more standardized tests to showcase their abilities. Many students perform well in school, but struggle with demonstrating their skills on standardized tests. We at Lionheart Tutoring aim to help students learn foundational skills and test taking strategies. Coming from an academic tutoring background, we make sure to teach the reading, math, and writing skills covered by such exams as the SAT®\*, ACT®\*, ISEE®\*, SSAT®\*, so students do not merely complete endless practice sections without increasing in their knowledge. We help students at all levels of proficiency. One-on-one and discounted class sized lessons are available.

## MANDARIN CHINESE

In the past decade, Mandarin Chinese has soared in popularity in K-12 and colleges. Moreover, American parents have discovered that their young children can pick up the tones of the language at even younger ages with toddler Chinese classes. Lionheart Tutoring offers Mandarin Chinese instruction for all levels and ages. We are familiar with the current Mandarin Chinese programs at local private schools and can help students master this exciting, though challenging language. Students have remarked that they appreciate the methods that we use that incorporate the

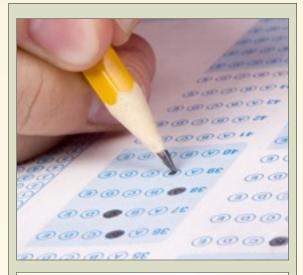
interactivity of an American approach and the necessary practice of a traditional Chinese learning method. Our toddler Chinese class incorporates games, songs, and activities that makes Chinese come alive for young learners and encourages them to discover more about Chinese culture and history.

# STUDY SKILLS / HOMEWORK HELP

Countless students struggle with organization and study skills. Many parents find their children's binders in chaos. We take our students through the most effective methods for organizing and mastering their learning material. Moreover, we can help parents craft a study plan for students that encourages accountability and responsibility. Additionally, we cover the important subjects of history and biology that require high levels of study methods. We can help students make sense of abstract processes and improve their ability to synthesis complex historical events. It is a pleasure to share the greatness of our society's history and science with our students.

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#### 21ST CENTURY TUTORING

Parents are increasingly aware of the wide array of resources they have for supplemental tutoring. As competition heats up for higher education and careers, many parents are looking for opportunities for their children to shine. Higher standardized test scores and Mandarin Chinese proficiency can help students stand out.