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Promt: What new things did you do during class in order to make the sessions more efficient? Strategies used to help your Buddy understand material better?

The Peer to Peer program has impacted my life in a multitude of ways. I was first introduced to the P2P program when I was in third grade when my mom had signed me up for the program. Although I was nervous the first couple times, I was able to form a bond with my tutor and learn a lot from her. To this day I remember her name. (Will not say the name for privacy) Last year, I began to give back to the community by becoming a tutee in the program.

Although it was my first time in the program, it was already different because it was online due to covid. My students were in 3rd and 7th grade with different topics of interest they wanted to explore. Therefore, I had to adapt to each of the students in different ways. For the 7th grade girl who wanted to improve on their English, they were not sure of what they should bring to the sessions. I decided to recommend her Wordly Wise to her where she was able to strengthen her vocabulary. As for the 3rd grader, she was ahead of her grade level in math and would get bored quite often. In order to make learning more enjoyable, at the end of class I would play Gimkit, Kahoot, or Quizlet with her and teach her a bit of pre-Algebra.

This semester, I decided to take on one student and invest more time and energy into them. As a 4th grader, she needed help with multiplying decimals in fractions. Because math is a hard subject to teach over a virtual call, there were many different strategies we have tried. First, I wrote my steps on a boogie board and would show my work on my camera once I was done. However, the picture would not always mirror correctly or show clearly for the receiving end. After more trials and errors, I eventually settled on share screening on my drawing tablet. This worked effectively and she was able to learn at a faster pace. With all this experience, I look forward to impacting another student's life with my past experiences.

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