

February 9, 2004

Dear Parents:

Alex and I have worked together for four tutoring sessions up to this point. These sessions have given us a chance to get to know each other a little more and to finish informal reading and writing assessments. These informal assessment results will aid me in selecting appropriate materials for us to read together.

Alex seems willing and eager to complete the tasks asked of him. He also appears to be relaxed and motivated to read. He is also willing to make connections with the things we have read to things in his own life experiences. He has been a little reluctant to write independently however, and I will continue to observe and work with him in this area.

Our first two sessions together consisted of the informal assessments. In the following two sessions, we were able to start working with reading and writing activities. During one session, Alex wrote all of the things he knew about wild horses, we read an article about wild horses, and then added to his list from what we learned in the article. We decided to write a letter to the Bureau of Land Management to see what programs are in place to continue to help wild horses in the American West. We hope to finish this letter on Monday and send it the following day.

If at any time you have any questions regarding some of the activities, please feel free to contact me. I am looking forward to the continued opportunity to work with Alex. Thank you for allowing him to participate in our tutoring sessions.

Sincerely,
Carrie D.