When our students attend orientation, we ask them to tell us about their goals. While most students will say that they want to improve their reading, very few will admit that they have a higher goal of earning their GED because it often seems like an unattainable goal.

Wanda was one of those students who never thought to dream that big. It wasn’t until she began working with her tutor, Cheminne, that she began to realize that earning her GED was a real possibility.

Once Wanda shared her dream, Cheminne decided to include math instruction along with reading. “We started with math since I knew that would be the most challenging subject. I told her every week that I had to study before every class - no one uses this type of math every day!”

Their hard work paid off—Wanda is only 2 points away from passing the math portion of the GED and she has passed two other portions of the test. Wanda’s confidence has improved and she is excited about the future.

“This week I asked her how it felt to be half way up that mountain with only two tests remaining to take,” said Cheminne. “How's the view from here?”

Wanda responded with a smile and said, “It feels great!"

We are looking for dedicated tutors like Cheminne to work with our students. If you are interested in learning more about becoming an adult literacy tutor, please contact us at info@readingconnections.org or call (336) 230-2223.