

Second Grader: Struggles to Smiles

She came to us as a 2nd grader from another independent school where she was struggling to keep up with the curriculum, despite receiving Orton-Gillingham tutoring several times a week. She was frustrated and anxious at school and losing the bright confidence she once beamed. Her anxiety at school carried over to her home life as defiance, creating family frustration for her and her parents. As she neared the end of the school year, she was being counseled out of their program, leaving her parents desperately seeking help. They were greatly relieved when she was admitted into 2nd grade at Bodine School.

Over the course of this year, she has adopted a carefree, fun-loving attitude and always has a ready smile. The girl who started with us in August has completely shed her anxiety. She is now known for her positive attitude and smiling face.

Academically, she has shown remarkable growth. In the fall, she was reading at a Pre-Kindergarten level. Now, she reads at Grade 3, a three-level grade jump. She has also doubled her writing output on a timed prompt. In August, she had only mastered 1 category of phonic concepts – single consonant sounds. She is currently testing at 100% mastery in 7 of the 18 phonic concepts and averages over 60% mastery of the remaining 11 concepts. Her progress, both personally and academically, highlights how we serve and support the whole child at Bodine.



