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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is a shameless plug for Red Apple tutoring. We have had the pleasure of working with Sam Ciaramitaro since September, 2019, and are willing to share him with others. Sam is an extremely capable teacher, he brings a strong moral foundation to his business and he has an impressive work ethic. Here is our experience with Sam.

Our daughter is a magnificent person in so many ways yet she presents challenges for her teachers owing to multiple learning disabilities. The public schools have not been able to fully serve her needs. Despite qualifying for and receiving a variety of special education services from the very dedicated people at her public school, our daughter was falling ever further behind the curricular expectations for her grade.

Sam invested considerable time at the beginning of the tutoring relationship learning our daughter's academic strengths and weaknesses, speaking with us about our expectation for our daughter and building a working relationship with her. Sam then proved to be a dedicated student of the latest methods to teach students with her challenges. He clearly spent a lot of time reviewing research and teaching techniques associated with our daughter's blend of learning disabilities. He began unleashing a series of tools during tutoring sessions in our home. What we have been witnessing is Sam building academic bridges between the school's curriculum and our daughter's mind in the fields of mathematics, reading, reading comprehension, grammar, critical thinking and history. We now have a child who is closing the gap in every area where she is working with Sam and in a few areas she appears to be just about at grade level. To say this is a vast improvement is an understatement.

The improvements are not just academic. When one struggles with anything in life, perhaps particularly when we are young, it can affect one's enthusiasm, confidence and interest in the subject. That was been our daughter's experience with core subjects such as reading, writing and arithmetic before Sam. This manifested itself in several ways, most noticeably in her unwillingness to do any reading or math unless firmly instructed to do so. Now we are witnessing our daughter read books on her own initiative, particularly in the evenings. She also applies math skills on her own when real life circumstances prompt her to do so. There is still a long academic road ahead, but we are finally in a place where we are seeing real progress.

Sam has spent considerable with our daughter, has gotten to know her personality, her moods and her tastes. He puts those insights to good use. He knows that the reward of a song played by Sam on the piano will motivate our daughter to complete a lesson. He can tell if she did not have enough sleep the night before. And he is proactive. He will let us know when he witnesses fatigue, feels she needs some additional homework in an area and gives praise when it is earned.

Sam's teaching style is calm, patient and persistent. Our daughter never has a bad day studying with him even if the material is challenging because he treats her in such a positive manner. He seeks not just a student's academic achievement such as being able to complete a math problem correctly, but also to have confidence with the material and the ability to apply it independently.

Here is the bottom line: In our household, we believe that time is life's most important raw material. You get as much of it as you get and it is easy to waste. If your child needs some help conquering

academic material, Sam will use your child's time effectively and he will do it in a way that is caring, enriching and enabling. If one chooses to work with Sam, they can expect their child to succeed academically, build their confidence and their self-esteem. Sam is a gifted teacher and caring mentor who believes that any child can succeed. Any family that chooses to work with Sam will be blessed to witness their child's tangible academic growth and improved self-image. We therefore strongly recommend Sam Ciaramitaro.

Sincerely,



Jack and Alyssa Hughes