

Momentum Learning Helps Students



“Stepstone Academy fosters life-long learning.”

Izayah was struggling academically when he entered Kristen Callahan’s, *Teacher*, first-grade class in the fall of 2012. He was behind in his growth and development and needed structure and a positive learning environment. That same year another student, Makayja, also started in Kristen’s class. Although Makayja was performing above the level of most students her age, she was bored and restless. Makayja had not previously had an educational setting that recognized her giftedness, or had avenues that allowed her to excel, and she was in need of a curriculum to challenge her academically.

When school began, Kristen evaluated Izayah and discovered that he didn’t know all of his letters or sounds, couldn’t read sight words, and lacked a foundation in math. Enter Stepstone’s innovative curriculum, Momentum Learning, which blends traditional classroom instruction with computer-based learning technology to individualize learning and maximize student success at a sustainable cost. With Momentum Learning, Kristen could create lessons that were not only tailored to Izayah’s level, but that would help encourage his academic growth.

With Makayja, Kristin was able to address her academic strengths from the beginning of the school year. “I knew that I needed to

provide her with enrichment opportunities so she could meet her potential,” says Kristen. “I selected computer-based lessons for her that would expose her to and teach her skills the rest of the class was not ready to learn.”

Throughout the course of the school year, Izayah made great strides with his reading and writing skills and his math ability blossomed. Makayja continues to excel in school and is enjoying herself as she is challenged in new ways. She loves coming to class and has dreams of becoming a teacher one day.

Watching students, like Izayah and Makayja, grow and enjoy learning encourages Kristen on a daily basis. She believes that Stepstone Academy fosters lifelong learning, prepares students for higher education and becoming productive, involved citizens. “Teaching here is such an inspiration,” says Kristen. “The facility, materials, and outstanding staff, demonstrate the high level of commitment and belief that our students deserve the best educational opportunities. I feel privileged to be a part of this unique, motivating and high-quality school.”

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