

ABOUT LAURA

Laura can think of no greater path than working with children, fostering their love of learning, and helping them reach their goals.

Laura first experienced this type of education and fell in love with learning as a student at **Newark Academy**, one of the oldest and most established New Jersey independent schools. From there, Laura continued her education at **The George Washington University** where she studied Communications and Psychology, and ultimately achieved **Magna Cum Laude**, **Phi Beta Kappa**, and was awarded the honor of **Academic Merit Scholar**.

Eager to build on her love of learning and working with children, she completed a dual masters in the fields of **Childhood and Special Education** at **New York University's Steinhardt School**. Laura graduated with a 4.0, earned the **Steinhardt Excellence in Scholarship Award**, and was honored as a member of **Kappa Delta Pi**, the International Honor Society in Education.

Laura spent the majority of her teaching career as an elementary school Head Teacher at **PS158**, a highly-regarded Blue Ribbon public elementary school located on Manhattan's Upper East Side. Laura utilized **Columbia University's Teachers College Reading and Writing Project** curriculum for reading and writing workshops, **Words their Way** for word study and spelling, and **TERC Investigations** and **Contexts for Learning** for math. Laura's classroom was often used as a labsite for worldwide visiting teachers learning these curriculum techniques. While teaching in the classroom, Laura has simultaneously been privately tutoring students ranging from grades K-6 for over ten years. Since founding *Laura Giske Tutoring*, Laura has furthered her knowledge and educational techniques by taking an intensive **Orton Gillingham** course and becoming a **Certified Orton Gillingham Instructor**.

degrees & certifications:

- Master's in Childhood Education, New York University
- Master's in Special Education, New York University
- Master's +30 Credits, C.E. Credits
- New York State Certification, Childhood Education (grades 1-6)
- New York State Certification, Students with Disabilities (grades 1-6)
- Orton Gillingham Classroom Educator Level Certified

specialty training:

- Orton Gillingham Approach, Classroom Educator Level Training, Oregon Dyslexia Institute
- Elementary Writing Institute (Grades 3-5), Columbia Teachers College
- Elementary Reading Institute (Grades 3-5), Columbia Teachers College
- Grammar Education (Grades K-6), Columbia Teachers College
- Risk Taking in Writing (Grades 3-5), Columbia Teachers College
- Differentiating Mathematics Instruction, Math In the City
- NYS Math Test Prep (Grades 3-5), Math in the City