

Student Report



Name: Marissa Martin

Age: 9

Grade: Third

Disability: 85% vision loss (legally blind)

Marissa is one of the wonderful students in our Third grade class. She is blind and has been since she was 18 months old. Her parents have been very proactive about teaching her to read Braille. She is proficient in reading Braille as well as using a Braille keyboard in order to type. She learns at a true-to-grade level, but simply needs a few accommodations. She is great at remembering information, especially when she hears them orally. She is very open to talking about her disability and although she understands that she is different she pushes herself not to allow being blind to hold her back from doing anything any other kid does. One of her favorite activities is painting with the assistance for the placement of the canvas and paints.

In the classroom, her classmates are very understanding and caring towards Marissa. We have a rule in place where before anyone speaks they must state their name so that Marissa knows who is talking. We make sure to use a lot of manipulatives as well as give specific oral instructions. We have arranged our classroom in a manner that is easy for Marissa to move around and do not change it at all without her knowledge. Each week a different child help Marissa with small tasks such as choosing her lunch line stick, turning in her papers, and keeping track of her pencil. All of the kids get really excited when it is their week and Marissa really appreciates this. She also has an aide that stays with her most of the day, especially when we are learning something that I cannot print in Braille. Marissa is a joy to have in class and I have all the confidence in the world that she will be successful in any class she is in!