

A conversation with Newton School Volunteer, Phyllis Rothberg

This is my first year as a Newton School Volunteer and my first experience tutoring. It's very positive.

Elka Kuhlman, who runs the program at Lincoln-Eliot is great, and provides lots of guidance re what to do, which is very useful. Other tutors are there at the same time, and a tutor whose student is in the same class as mine is very helpful. It's also her first year tutoring. Teacher support is an important component, too.

The student I'm working with is delightful, eager to work, and ready to learn. She's very cooperative with a sweet disposition.

I find that the math is done very differently than the way I learned it. The vocabulary and ways of learning math have changed, too. They work for various styles of learning. The math reference book, which each tutor gets, is very clear and a good resource for understanding these new methods. It's a great help as I prepare for the tutoring session.