

# Dyslexia

*Dyslexia is not just reading. Dyslexia is not just spelling. Dyslexia is not WHO I am, but it IS a part of me.*

I love when my mom reads to me. I love to watch videos online or use Siri to read to me on the iPad. I love good stories and good books. I love to learn- just not at school, this school in CT. I like my school in CT, I like the people in my school too, but not the learning part that part is not fun because no one understands me. In Texas I had a great teacher who was teaching me how to make sense of everything. For a long time it was hard and then I met Ms Acker and we did MTA. In MTA I did reading and spelling. There were only 4 or 5 of us in the class and we went to her every single day and it was so great! I learned so much about words and how they work, some of it I remember but not all because I only went for half a year before we moved to CT. When I went back in my classroom with my friends I could read ALL the book club books and do all my tests and when we took the TAKS test I even got COMMENDED in reading. That was awesome!!!! In CT no one at school believes in Dyslexia. No one wants to work with me like Ms Acker did and I don't know why. I am smart and I have so many questions that I need answers to but when it is time to write or read I just fake it. If I fake it the teachers leave me alone. If I tell them I don't understand they always say- Yes you do- you are smart! They are not listening to me. Please help them listen to me. My mom says this letter will help you understand how important it is to have Dyslexia on my IEP so that someone will listen and someone at school will work with me- like in Texas! I want all my teachers to know the stuff Ms Acker knows she is very smart and made me know I am smart too! Thank you- Jesse Burks  
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