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From 2nd grade on, we saw behavior issues and low comprehension levels. 2nd grade was a nightmare for our whole family. We had regular meetings in the principal's office. We made it our mission to figure out what was the cause of our sweet Destiny's behavior. This led us to her diet first. We tried the Feingold diet. It did make a difference. 3rd grade was more of the same. The principal and staff suggested we visit a psychiatrist and she was put on medication. This was a nightmare and we had more problems to overcome. We knew this was just not the right thing for Destiny so we took her off the medication. Our next attempt was to visit an all-natural doctor. He tested for food allergies and metal toxins. Her put her on several vitamins and also informed us about the use of organics and the benefits of non-GMO (genetically modified organisms).

We had many sleepless and research filled nights!

During a routine eye exam, the doctor turned to me and asked if I knew she had an eye turn and this may cause behavior problems and is commonly overlooked. I almost fell out of my chair! I broke down in tears of joy and relief. This is the road we have been on that leads straight to Dr. Joan Bauernfiend and the Vision Development Center. After a few sessions, Destiny's balance and coordination improved. She opened up to try new things. She tried out and got the solo spot in her Veteran's Day play. Her music teacher couldn't believe what a beautiful voice she has. She listens and follows directions and seems happier. Her artwork and imagination are very interesting and intriguing. I am happy to say she started the 4th grade in a new school and regular vision therapy appointments. She has not been to the principal's office once.

The travel to and from her appointments was a challenge as we had about a 50 mile drive one way, but we knew it was necessary. I enjoyed checking out the restaurants and health food stores in Jasper.

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Thank you Dr. Joan and staff. You have changed our lives and we truly appreciate what you have done for our sweet Destiny.

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