

ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ARTS

(Writing, Grammar, Literature)

Grades 3 to 5

Course Structure

Students in grades 3 to 5 are invited to join me as we learn to write outlines, paragraphs, stories and essays using Institute for Excellence in Writing's (IEW) *Fables, Myths and Fairy Tales*.

I love teaching IEW and believe that this system provides the structure that students need to develop confidence in the writing process, while gradually guiding them toward greater independence and creativity. Alternating weekly between writing and literature, we will spend writing class time going over the week's writing lesson and vocabulary words.

Our literature study will include reading *Pinocchio*, *The Story of the Treasure Seekers*, *Misty of Chincoteague*, *Owls in the Family*, and *My Father's Dragon*. Students will do the majority of their reading at home and spend literature class time discussing, analyzing, and doing fun activities related to the books.

Each week we will also study grammar together using IEW's *Fix it! Grammar* curriculum.

*Please note: Students must be reading independently and able to write sentences in order to participate in this class.

Textbooks

For Writing: Parents need to purchase *Fables, Myths, and Fairy Tales Writing Lessons IEW Student Workbook* by Maria Gerber. This can be purchased from IEW.com or from Christianbook.com for \$35. This book has lessons geared towards homeschoolers that meet weekly, giving clear assignments and activities to be completed in class and at home. We will work through one lesson every other week during class time and students will be expected to complete the accompanying writing assignment at home during the week, turning in their work to me the following week. I will grade and give feedback on writing assignments but typically one on one time isn't possible in this kind of class setting. **Parents are expected to work with their student throughout the week and edit the student's rough drafts.**

For Literature and Grammar: Parents will need to purchase or check out from the library the children's books listed above. I will provide student worksheets and activity packets. **Parents need to purchase *Fix it! Grammar Town Mouse and Country Mouse Student Book Level 2*** by Pamela White. This can be purchased from IEW.com or Christianbook.com for \$19.

Tuition

Deposit due at registration \$25 non-refundable paid directly to REACH

Tuition for 1 year=\$350 for self pay families.

Tuition for 1 year=\$375 for LAMP families

Materials fee=\$10. This cannot be covered by LAMP.

LAMP families owe the yearly balance of what LAMP does not cover by 10/18/24 and are required to self-pay for any missed LAMP payments or not meeting LAMP requirements during the semester.

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EDUCATION

B.S. in Biblical Studies at Kuyper College, Grand Rapids

B.A. in Elementary Education at Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids

EXPERIENCE

Paraprofessional at Moline Christian, Moline

Elementary teacher at Zion Christian, Byron Center

Homeschool mom

Girls Club teacher at Immanuel Fellowship Church, 7 years

Youth group Leader

Substitute teacher at local public and Christian schools, 2 years

Writing /literature tutor at Reach since 2021

FAMILY

Married to Pastor Bill Boekestein, 21 years
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DISCOUNT

Self-pay families receive a \$25 tuition discount!