

Elementary School Enrichment English (EE1) – 5 Weeks - John Ziegler

Class Schedule

Summer Session I, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays (10am – 10:50am); on Zoom

Fees: \$170

Course Description

This early stage reading course is designed to make reading and writing fun for 1st graders. It is a 50-minute class in which students will read shortened versions of fairy tales and folk tales. Students will practice writing basic answers to simple comprehension questions and we will work on various problems in the mechanics of writing as they arise (general capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and writing in complete sentences). Homework worksheets will be sent out after most classes. The worksheets will be selected based upon needs identified during class or merely related to class topics.

Weeks 1&2: Fairy Tales and Folk Tales

We will be reading a variety of fairy tales and folk tales and discussing basic story elements such as setting and characters. Initially we will work together to answer questions and write them on the white board. Eventually students will start to write them on their own and share their answers. We will progress gently and identify and correct mistake as they arise. The aim of this first two weeks if for students to get comfortable and enjoy the readings.

Weeks 3&4: Fables and Poems

In these next few weeks, we will be reading a variety of fables and poems. Students will be answering Wh-questions (who, what, where, when, why, and how) and getting into the specific details of the passages. The questions and answers will progress more at the pace of the class abilities and the passages selected will reflect this. We will focus on the moral lessons that the fables teach, and students will have the chance to give their own ideas.

Week 5: More Fun Stories

This final week, a few longer stories will be selected that students can work through and discuss together. We will continue with answering reading comprehension questions and gradually proceed to longer and fuller sentence structures.

About John Ziegler

John Ziegler has been teaching at Ray Chinese School for over two years and has taught a wide number of English classes to grades one through eight. Additionally, he teaches a World Affairs course and has taught Speech and SAT Prep. Prior to his work in Chicago, Mr. Ziegler taught Middle School English, High School Economics, And Algebra II for six years in various schools and programs in Thailand.