

Elementary School Enrichment English (EEL2) – 5 Weeks - John Ziegler

Class Schedule

Summer Session I, Tuesdays, Thursdays, (1pm – 2:50pm); on Zoom

Fees: \$240

Course Description

This early stage reading course is designed to make reading and writing fun for 2nd graders. Each class is divided into three portions: reading basic fables and stories, writing responses to questions about the readings, and playing a variety of word games designed to enhance sentence building and vocabulary strengthening. Reading materials will be selected and sent out by the teacher. Most of the readings are either fables and fairy tales or also packets of short readings about festivals, holidays, and daily life. There is a five-minute break during the class. 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: Introductions and Identifying Central Messages

We will be reading a variety of fairy tales and students will write out their answers to basic reading comprehension questions. Students will share their answers and attention will be given to forming complete sentences with proper spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. Some additional questions will ask for opinions and critical thinking. We will also play speed games for sentence building as well as word searches towards the end of class.

Weeks 3&4: Answering Wh- questions and

In these next few weeks, we will be reading a variety of narratives and stories, both fiction and non-fiction. Students will be answering Wh-questions (who, what, where, when, why, and how) and getting into the specific details of the passages. Also, students will be focusing a bit more on story structure and how to identify the beginning, middle, and end of the stories. They will focus on writing unique beginnings and endings, utilizing appropriate key words and terms. Word games and word puzzles will challenge and entertain them as new vocabulary is introduced and working with words and sentences in more dynamic ways will flex their brains.

Week 5: Comparing and Contrasting

Students will read different version of the same fairy tales and will compare them and contrast them. We will use notable fairy tales that they are familiar with. Students will learn and practice using appropriate language for these exercises and write a paragraph. We will discuss paragraphing.

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.