

# Elementary School Enrichment English (EEL3) – 5 Weeks - John Ziegler

## Class Schedule

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

Fees: \$240

## Course Description

This early stage reading and writing course is meant as a follow-up to EEL2 but can be taken on its own. It is designed for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and is divided into three portions: reading basic stories and fables, writing responses to questions about the readings, and playing word games. We will begin this class reading the cute and beloved story, *Frog and Toad Together*, by Arnold Lobel. Additional readings will be selected and sent out by the teacher.

### Weeks 1&2: Character Responses and Points of View

As we begin to read *Frog and Toad Together* students will think about and describe how a character responds to a major event or challenge in the story and come up with alternative responses. We will discuss what point of view a story is told from, and students will also describe the various opinions or perspectives of the main characters and write about those. Word games and word searches will end the classes.

### Weeks 2&3: Introduction to Poetry

After we finish *Frog and Toad Together*, we will begin a section on poems. Students will be reading a variety of poetry and examining how regular beats, rhymes, alliteration, rhythm, and repeated lines can affect the meaning. Students will practice writing a variety of types of poems. Later, we will get decoding illustrations and discuss how illustrations communicate messages about the plot, setting, and characters. Students will choose their own illustrations and write about each.

### Week 5: Writing Our Own Fables

To finish off the course, we will review and discuss the basic elements of a fable and students will produce original work. We will read several examples to get them started and discuss the moral lessons included.

## 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.