

Elementary School English Enrichment (EEL6) – 5 Weeks - John Ziegler

Class Schedule

Summer session II; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, (3pm - 4:50pm); on Zoom; Total: 30 hours.

Fees: \$395

Course Description

The enrichment course is a continuation of EEL1 but can also be taken as an individual course. It is designed as both a reading as well as a writing course, in which students build both skills and confidence while reading as group and sharing their in-class writings. We will use the novels *City Spies*, by Kamilla Benko as our anchor text with which to build up vocabulary, reading, and writing skills. It's a longer book but if we have extra time, the class will be supplemented with short stories provided by the teacher. In this class, students will be engaging in more creative writing and original story telling than in the EEL1 class and will practice using the figurative language and greater levels of description that we have been studying. The first half of the class period is spent on homework review and reading the novels together. The second half of the class is spent explaining and providing examples for the writing exercises and then actually writing. Students will be asked to share their work in most classes.

Weeks 1&2: Personal Narratives

We begin this five-week adventure with the introduction to *City Spies*. Students will engage in a variety of creative writing exercises with writing prompts. Taking the setting that the novel opens with, students will imagine themselves in this setting and create their own story from it. These activities will all be designed to build upon their vocabulary, their usage of descriptive and figurative language, as well as providing them to freedom to write colorful stories from their own imaginations. Homework will include novel study packets with reading comprehension questions.

Weeks 3&4:

As we work our way through all the twists and turns of this heroic tale, students will come up with their own versions of how the tale can be told. We will be working with a variety of different styles of writing including variations on tone, atmosphere, and several different genres. Students will cultivate through practice changing their styles and also benefitting from the feedback from other students while also practicing voicing their own thoughts and opinions on each other's work.

Week 5: Final Analysis

In the final week, students will write their own endings for the story emphasizing how they would like to see each character treated. Changing the plot evolutions and potentially building on and improving upon the existing work in the way that stimulate their imaginations most should finish the class in a fun and energetic way.

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.

