

## **Elementary School Enrichment English (EEL7) - John Ziegler - Grades 4&5**

### **Class Schedule**

Spring session 2022, Sundays, (1pm – 2:45pm), on Zoom

**Fees:** \$275

### **Course Description**

In this course students will explore the primary story elements and begin digging deeper into themes, values, and writing styles. We will be reading *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio, and *A Wolf Called Wander*, by Roseanne Parry. As we read together and discuss story elements students use novel study packets and writing assignments to go further. Half the class time is devoted to a creative writing component as well.

#### **Weeks 1-3 Settings and Tone - *Wonder***

These first few weeks will begin with understanding how the introduction sets the tone. We will look at how the author introduces the setting and compare it with other books we've read. We then explore the author's values as they may appear. Writing exercise will be historical fiction.

#### **Weeks 4-6 Character Transformation - *Wonder***

In weeks 4-6, we look at plot development and rising action. Additionally, we identify character traits and explore how characters grow and change. Writing exercise will be on these topics.

#### **Weeks 7-9 Themes - *Wonder***

In these weeks we will be discuss what themes are, look at prior examples, and identify themes in our current reading. Students will begin writing their own narratives with clear themes.

#### **Weeks 10-12 – Subgenres and Pacing *A Wolf Named Wander***

Beginning our new book, we will compare settings and discuss sub-genres. We will also be discussing different approaches to tone and author's choices in terms of pacing and build-up. Writing portion is TBD.

#### **Weeks 13-15 Conclusions - *A Wolf Named Wander***

Students will compare and contrast our in-class readings, and perhaps other works students are familiar with. A look at how authors finish with relatable conclusion and life lessons. Writing portion is TBD.

### **About John Ziegler**

John Ziegler has been teaching at Ray Chinese School for two years and has taught a wide number of English classes to grades two 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.