

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

## **Class Schedule**

Summer Session II, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays (11am – 11:50am); on Zoom

**Fees:** \$170

## **Course Description**

This course is meant as a continuation of EE1 but can be taken individually. 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, fables, folk tales, and other such stories. The focus is to encourage them and prepare students to confidently progress their reading levels and writing abilities and find pleasure as they succeed. 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: Stories and Narratives**

We will be reading several short stories in class and begin discussing story elements such as plot, characters, and setting. We will continue to work on answering short reading comprehension questions but begin to focus more on always writing in complete sentences. This first few weeks will sharpen students' mechanics and we will move on to answering more detailed questions. Various parts of speech will be discussed and identified in sentences in class.

### **Weeks 3&4: More Poems and Fables**

In these next few weeks, we will be reading a variety of fables and poems. Students will be focusing on discussing each moral lesson in greater detail and writing full sentences to explain them. The questions and answers will progress more at the pace of the class abilities and the passages selected will reflect this. At this point we may try to write our own fable as a class together.

### **Week 5: More Fun Stories**

During this final week of class, we will read a longer story at greater complexity based upon the students' demonstrated skill levels and pace. Students will confidently answer comprehension question in full sentences about the text.

## **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.