

## **Elementary School Enrichment English (ELA4) – 5 Weeks - John Ziegler**

### **Class Schedule**

Summer Session II, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (1pm – 2:50pm); on Zoom (30 hours)

**Fees:** \$380

### **Course Description**

This summer course is a continuation of ELA3 and incorporates 3<sup>rd</sup> grade core curriculum with the fun of group reading some of the greatest children's novels written for this age group. Students will improve upon their reading and writing abilities as they work through thought provoking writing exercises and original story writing. Students will be reading two books, *Shine*, by J.J. and Chris Greenstein, and *Stuart Little*, by E.B. White. Students in this class will engage in creative and original story-writing following writing prompts. 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: Foreshadowing and Prediction**

We begin this course reading *Shine*. Students will be instructed to write on a variety of topics that relate to the reading materials. Writing prompts will guide them and encourage them to use their creative imaginations to explore the given topics with attention given to foreshadowing in the novel and their own predictions. Figurative language will be explored and included in their writing exercises. Homework will include novel study packets with reading comprehension exercises. As always, students will be encouraged to share their work in class.

#### **Weeks 3&4: Cause and Effect and Solution Building**

This week we finish up with *Shine* and begin on *Stuart Little*. Students will explore issues of cause and effect and how the plots are based upon them. Additionally, solution building and looking at different potential outcomes will be addressed. Writing exercises will be based upon these topics and students will come up with their own ideas and suggestions. Alternative story endings as well as plot twists from students' own solutions will be included in the writings.

#### **Week 5: Final Week**

As we finish up with *Stuart Little*, students will write their own editorial review of the book. Students will also be encouraged to compare with other books they have read on their own or studied in class.

### **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.