

English Writing 1 Syllabus

Semester: Spring 2009, Jan 11th to May 30th
 Class Hour: 1:00PM-2:30PM, Every Sunday
 Classroom: Cooper Hall, USF, Room # 463

Instructor: Elaine Knuckles
 Telephone: (813) 610-9925
 Email: lanie@tampabay.rr.com
 Homework/Webpage Link

Course Description:

This class is designed to build a foundation of skills that will help the children grow as writers. All aspects of the craft of writing are explored through the use of the Writer's Workshop format. Lessons may include examples from children's literature, as well as modeled writing and shared writing. The children are encouraged to express themselves creatively through their writing. The class is aligned with the Florida state standards in writing for the primary grades.

Prerequisite: None

Age Recommendation: Grades 1 and 2

Required Text: None

Resource Book: None

Objective: To build a foundation of skills that will help the students grow as writers.

Teaching Strategy: Writer's Workshop

Teacher's Responsibility: Introduce students to writing craft and strategies.

Students' Responsibility: Write one assignment at home each week.

Parents' Responsibility: Please be sure your child arrives at class on time.

Required Class Supplies: Writing notebook and pencils

Assignments/Grading

Final Grade Breakdown	Percent of Grade
Homework	20
Class work writing assignments	40
Monthly writing assessments	40
Total	100

Schedule of Course Topics & Readings

Week No.	Date	Content/Topic	Homework	Points
1	01/11/2009	English Writing Craft: Specific Details	Write one page in your Journal	n/a
2	01/18/2009	No class		n/a
3	01/25/2009	No class		n/a
4	02/01/2009	English Writing Craft: Sensory Details	Write one page in your Journal	1
5	02/08/2009	English Writing Craft: Planning	Write one page in your Journal	1
6	02/15/2009	English Writing Craft: Fairy Tales	Write one page in your Journal	1
7	02/22/2009	Monthly Writing Assessment	Write one page in your Journal	1
8	03/01/2009	English Writing Craft: Beginnings	Write one page in your Journal	1
9	03/08/2009	English Writing Craft: Endings	Write one page in your Journal	1
10	03/15/2009	English Writing Craft: Transitions	Write one page in your Journal	1
11	03/22/2009	English Writing Craft: Onomatopoeia	Write one page in your Journal	1
12	03/29/2009	Monthly Writing Assessment	Write one page in your Journal	1
13	04/05/2009	School Camp		n/a
14	04/12/2009	No school Spring Break		n/a
15	04/19/2009	English Writing Craft: Revising	Write one page in your Journal	1
16	04/26/2009	Monthly Writing Assessment	Write one page in your Journal	1
17	05/03/2009	English Writing Craft: Similes	Write one page in your Journal	1
18	05/10/2009	English Writing Craft: Poetry	Write one page in your Journal	1
19	05/17/2009	Monthly Writing Assessment	Write one page in your Journal	1
20	05/24/2009	No class		n/a
21	05/31/2009	Last day of class		n/a