

Elementary Writing Class

3rd-6th Grade

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Class Description: In this class, students will develop a love of writing by being exposed to a variety of writing types and activities to strengthen their writing abilities. Students will learn about the 6+1 traits of writing (ideas, word choice, fluency, voice, organization, conventions, and presentation) and use these to bolster their writing to the next level. We will be doing a variety of creative writings so that students can write what they love so they can love what they write. Students will also learn important types of writings for different audiences. Skills will be taught through interactive activities and mini lessons so that students can apply these through their own writings.

Objectives:

- Understand the writing process and the different steps involved
- Brainstorm ideas for writing through prewriting activities
- Develop ideas fully for an intended audience
- Choose words that give readers a detailed picture in their minds
- Show readers what is happening in writing rather than tell them
- Organize a writing in a clear manner
- Use correct grammar throughout a writing piece
- Develop a voice in writing that varies based on the type of writing
- Write in different ways- persuasive, informative, creative, etc.

Types of Writings:

- Expository (information)
- Description
- Personal Narratives
- Business Letter
- Friendly Letter
- Problem/Solution
- Creative Storytelling
- Persuasive

Cost:

Tuition is \$390 for the year. Half (\$195) is due the first week of class. The second half is due the beginning of the second semester.

Add/Drop Policy:

Students dropping the class within the first 4 weeks of the semester will get a refund, minus rent paid and the cost pro-rated for the classes attended. After 4 weeks, no refunds will be given.

About the Tutor:

I have been teaching at KAT since 2015. Prior to teaching here at KAT, I taught 4 years at various elementary schools. I received my Bachelor of Arts degree from Grand Valley State University in 2007, majoring in English with a minor in Elementary Education, as well as my Master's in Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis on educational differentiation in 2016 from GVSU. I have experience working with students from various age ranges and writing levels, and I strive to meet each student where they are to help them grow and develop as a writer. Incorporating my faith into my teaching is one of the many reasons why I love teaching at KAT.

Outside of teaching, I love spending time with my husband, Kyle, and my 3 boys, Titus, Asher, and Coen. I love being outside, watching sports, and, of course, reading. I live in Grand Rapids and attend Ada Bible Church.