

3rd- 5th Language Arts

Teacher: Jill Earnest

In our Language Arts class we will learn grammar and writing skills. I will provide several literature book suggestions that correlate with the U.S. History time period. Although this is not required, I would love to encourage the children to read these books. Each week I will do my best to explain the new concepts and assignment, but it is up to the child and the parent to complete these. To encourage completion there will be tickets given for the child to spend at the community store at the end of the semester.

We will practice our writing by using the *IEW (Institute for Excellence in Writing) U.S. History Based Lessons*. I have used IEW for the last four years and have been impressed by it's outcome with my children. Many children struggle with what to write. This curriculum omits that struggle by providing the source material in their book. They will use that source to then write an outline. Using only their outline they will write their own paragraph. The children will learn several different structures such as retelling narrative stories, summarizing a reference, and writing from pictures. After this they will add stylistic techniques such as quality adjectives, "ly" adverbs, and a variety of sentence openers. In class we will learn new concepts, and most of the time we will write an outline for the source together. This class will require writing assignments to be completed at home. The child's writing will improve over time. Not only will they learn to write more effectively but they will also sharpen their history skills!

We will also be working through *IEW's Fix It! Grammar*. In this book we will do just as the title says. Fix sentences! Each week there will be five sentences for the children to correct, and locate parts of speech. The first sentence of each week will be completed on the board as a class. The other four will be completed at home.

My goal in this class is to teach basic grammar skills, which sometimes home-schoolers tend to overlook. Also I hope to help children have more confidence in their writing abilities, and express their thoughts in words. Overall, I hope to encourage a love for grammar and writing to your children!

Supplies:

pen

pencil

1" 3 ring binder

IEW History-Based Writing Lessons (student book)

Fix It! Grammar Town Mouse and Country Mouse Level 2 (student book)