

5/6 Grade Reading & Writing

(Average 5th and 6th graders, often ages 10-11)

Skills Needed to Succeed:

- Able to read books independently and develop study skills such as annotating and charting while reading
- Writes neatly or uses the computer to complete writing assignments
- Listens carefully and follows instructions
- Has learned how to write a correct basic paragraph (as taught in our Primary Reading and Writing I class)
- Willing to receive affirmation as well as correction on homework in order to grow as a writer
- Able to complete 2.5 to 3.5 hours of homework weekly

NOTE: Writing Foundations 1&2 are prerequisites for this class for all new students.

Skills Learned:

- Working towards mastery of TWJ basic writing steps and strategies for writing an expanded paragraph including brainstorming, outlining, writing a rough draft, rewriting for a final draft
- Creating quality expanded paragraphs with well developed “chunks”
- Providing specific examples from the novel to support assertions
- Explaining examples with insightful commentary
- Increased development of quality rewriting in the following ways:
 - Improving word choice through active verbs, concrete nouns, and well-placed adjectives and adverbs
 - Using sentence variety and transitional words and phrases
 - Learning to include complex punctuation in writing

Other Details:

- Class meets for 2 hours weekly
- Homework typically requires 2.5 to 3.5 hours weekly
- Class lasts for 12 weeks
- Maximum class size- 15 students