

Ridgeview Classal Schools

Rudiments of Writing *Syllabus 2007-2008*

Period 5

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Semester 1

Grading scheme:

Type of assignment	of final grade
Quizzes	30%
Homework	30%
Writing Assignments	20%
Notebook	10%
Participation	10%

Date Day Topics/Goals

Quarter 1

Unit 1: Phonolgy - Understanding the Phonemes of Spelling

Week 1

4-Sep	1	Introduction to class; disscussion on language; preliminary writing activity
5-Sep	2	Phonograms: single letter phonograms; preliminary writing (continued)
6-Sep	3	Phonograms: single letter vowels, open and closed syllables
7-Sep	4	Silent "e" rules

Week 2

10-Sep	5	Review; QUIZ
11-Sep	6	In-class writing assignment
12-Sep	1	Phonograms: <i>th, ch, ck, tch, wh, ng, wr, ph, kn, gn</i>
13-Sep	2	Phonograms: <i>oi, oy; ou, ow; ai, ay; eu, ew; au, aw; ei, ey, (eigh)</i>
14-Sep	3	Phonograms: <i>oo, ee, ea, ui, oe, oa, ie;</i>

Week 3

17-Sep	4	Review; QUIZ
18-Sep	5	Phonograms: <i>ti, ci, si, sh, igh, eigh</i> ; Writing assignment
19-Sep	6	Way in which a single vowel "says" its name
20-Sep	1	"e" dropping rule; 1.1.1. rule
21-Sep	2	Making a word plural; <i>Writing assignment due</i>

Week 4

24-Sep	3	Y's exchanging rule
25-Sep	4	"ie" or "ei"?; Evaluating spelling
26-Sep	5	Rules for adding an ending
27-Sep	6	<i>Review for UNIT 1 TEST</i>
28-Sep	1	UNIT 1 TEST

Unit 2: The Sentence - Understanding Grammar, Punctuation and Capitalization

Week 5

1-Oct	2	Nouns: identification; proper and common; capitalization; Writing assignment
2-Oct	3	Complete sentence, comma, semi-colon
3-Oct	4	Subject; direct object; transitive & intransitive sentences
4-Oct	5	Prepositions, objects of prepositions; commas with lists
5-Oct	6	Direct address; predicate noun; colons; <i>Writing assignment due</i>

Week 6

8-Oct	1	Review; QUIZ
9-Oct	2	Noun clauses; gerunds; infinitives; Writing assignment
10-Oct	3	Pronouns: personal, relative, possessive, interrogative, indefinite
11-Oct	4	Pronouns: nominative and objective cases
12-Oct	5	Distinguishing between whom, who, which, that; <i>Writing assignment due</i>

Week 7

15-Oct	6	Review; QUIZ
16-Oct	1	Verbs - identification: action, linking, helping
17-Oct	2	Tenses
18-Oct	3	Tenses (continued); In-class writing assignment
19-Oct	4	Diagramming sentences

Quarter 2

Week 8

22-Oct	5	Review; QUIZ
23-Oct	6	Apostrophes, quotation marks, passive and active voice; Writing assignment
24-Oct	1	Subject/verb agreement
25-Oct	2	Problems with agreement
26-Oct	3	Troublesome verbs; <i>Writing assignment due</i>

Week 9

29-Oct	4	Review; QUIZ
30-Oct	5	Adjective identification; adverb identification
31-Oct	6	Prepositions; comparison of adjectives; comparison of adverbs
1-Nov	1	<i>Review for UNIT 2 TEST</i>
2-Nov	2	UNIT 2 TEST

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Nov. 1 & 2

Fall Break - Nov. 5

Unit 3: The Paragraph - Understanding Structure, Organization, Coherence, Editing, and Revision

Week 10

6-Nov	3	Discussion of narrative paragraph; Writing assignment
7-Nov	4	Evaluating excellent writing
8-Nov	5	Structure and organization
9-Nov	6	Sentence Combining: using clauses and phrases

Week 11

12-Nov	1	Sentence Combining: using conjunctions, subordinating conjunctions
13-Nov	2	Discussion of descriptive paragraph; <i>Written assignment due</i>
14-Nov	3	Evaluating excellent writing
15-Nov	4	In-class writing assignment
16-Nov	5	Editing and revising

Week 12

19-Nov	6	Editing and revising (continued)
20-Nov	1	Evaluating excellent writing

Thanksgiving Break - Nov. 21-23

Week 13

26-Nov	2	Editing and revising (continued)
27-Nov	3	Review paragraphs; <i>Revision due</i>
28-Nov	4	Word usage: vocabulary and language
29-Nov	5	Introduction to persuasive/argumentative writing
30-Nov	6	Discussing of persuasive paragraph; Writing assignment

Week 14

3-Dec	1	Evaluate excellent writing
4-Dec	2	Review paragraphs; <i>Writing assignment due</i>
5-Dec	3	Audience and purpose
6-Dec	4	Cohesion and clarity
7-Dec	5	Cohesion and clarity (continued); <i>Revisions due</i>

Week 15

10-Dec	6	Discussion of expository paragraph
11-Dec	1	Evaluate excellent writing
12-Dec	2	Review paragraphs
13-Dec	3	Parallelism; <i>Second revisions due</i>
14-Dec	4	Vocabulary

Week 16

17-Dec	5	Evaluating excellent writing
18-Dec	6	Study Day
19-Dec	1	SEMESTER 1 TEST
20-Dec	2	UNIT 3 IN-CLASS WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT

End of Semester 1