

**TRUDY PALMER****WRITING I Welcome to Grammar/Comp. class!****Time: 2nd Period, 10am-11:30am****COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

When I was a public school teacher and a co-author of the district's writing curriculum, I asked myself, "Why are so many students and adults intimidated by writing?" Then I realized that most people have never been provided with the right tools and techniques to be confident writers.

Developing writing skills takes time and practice, and with the correct tools, step-by-step guidance, and encouragement, students can and do become excellent writers!

I provide the WriteShop curriculum for each student. It uses an incremental approach, which takes the guesswork out of the writing process!

We study the various types of sentence starters so they understand how to write with variety. As students learn, practice, and build on each new concept, they are able to express themselves more easily and thus focus on developing their own individual styles.

The writing techniques learned in WriteShop will then be required elements in their regular compositions, allowing students to practice new concepts immediately. All four types of writing are practiced: descriptive, narrative, informative, and persuasive.

I thoroughly enjoy these classes, as we are truly able to get to know each other in personal ways by sharing part of our lives during the essay-reading time in class. We cover grammar, vocabulary, and writing all in 1 1/2 hours! Students rarely get out early.

Each week the junior high class will have daily grammar and vocabulary assignments and either a paragraph/essay to write or a writing skill builder to complete.

A binder is required to help students keep their work organized. The information can be found on my website. All assignments and handouts will appear on my website on a weekly basis, so there is no excuse for missing assignments due to absences.

**About Trudy Palmer's Classes**

My class tuition is \$70 per month per student if paying monthly. There is a nice discount if you pay for the first semester at registration and the entire second semester in January. A discount also applies if you pay for the whole year in August. **Please see the "Tuition Discounts" section below.**

If you decide to remove your student(s) before the end of the semester, tuition for the entire semester is still required. I will order the books for you and will use and distribute additional copies of supplementary material throughout the year as needed.

**Writing I & II and CWS fees:**

The class book use/supply fee is \$120 per student to cover all of the materials to be distributed/used throughout the year.

This year, the CWS books will consist of a classroom set and a flash drive that the students will use during the year and return at the end of May.

The book/supply fee of \$120 is not refundable once you register.

**Spanish I & II fees:**

Monthly Tuition: \$70

Supply Fee \$120 (non-refundable)

**Tuition Discounts:**

Basically, paying the semester or yearly fee gives you one month free.

**Optional Plans are as Follows:**

- 9 monthly payments or
- 2 semester payments or
- 1 yearly payment

One student/class

- \$70 each month or
- \$280 (Aug. & Jan.) or
- \$560 (Aug.)

Two students/classes

- \$140 each month
- \$560 (Aug. & Jan.)
- \$1120 (Aug.)

Three students/classes

- \$210 each month
- \$840 (Aug. & Jan.)
- \$1,680 (Aug.)

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