

3/4 Grade Reading & Writing

(Average 3rd and 4th graders, often ages 8-9)

Skills Needed to Succeed:

- Reads chapter books independently
- Articulates thoughts verbally
- Able to write a short paragraph somewhat independently
- Willing to be gently challenged as a student
- Able to complete 2 to 3 hours of homework weekly

Skills Learned:

- Practicing TWJ writing process of brainstorming, outlining, writing a rough draft, and rewriting for the final draft
- Learning to write grammatically correct, engaging sentences which include simple stylistic elements
- Formulating an engaging topic sentence and conclusion
- Beginning to write an expanded paragraph which includes writing “chunks”, differentiating between main points and supporting details
- Building upon knowledge of basic grammar concepts including the following: subject, predicate, independent clause, compound sentence, comma use, basic parts of speech

Other Details:

- Class meets for 2 hours weekly
- Homework typically requires 2 to 3 hours weekly
- Class lasts for 12 weeks
- Maximum class size- 15 students