

## K-1 Grammar/Writing

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**Tutoring Hours-** By Appointment on Tuesdays

**About the Teacher-** Hello! My name is Kayla Erickson. I am a mom here at Class Source and of course a homeschooling mom who already has a background in early childhood education. I taught prekindergarten for 7 years, and then ventured into teaching English for international students between the ages of 4-13 strictly online (and early in the morning) for over 5 years now!

**Course Objectives** - The beginning years of learning sounds, words and connecting them to pencil and paper can seem scary for young children, and honestly, it doesn't have to be! In this course, the teacher will learn the student's individual learning style to implement learning goals throughout the year. We will be guiding students in sight word memorization and spelling through games and puzzles to help them learn to become independent readers. A list will be handed to you of sight words and activities to do at home. We will also be focusing on beginning phonics and phonemic awareness by using simple blends such as CVC words (consonant-vowel-consonant). For a warm up in the beginning of class, we will have fun music that has an educational approach to learning sounds, letters and words that go with it. Each week, we will focus on one letter and the sounds that they make as well. By understanding these, we will learn how to read simple sentences.

For our writing class, we will be practicing on our fine motor skills to help the students with writing our letters, words and writing simple sentences. Students will be able to trace and independently write the letters and words as we move on through out the course. We will be writing simple sentences, and by the end of the year, we will be writing in small paragraphs. Students will be learning about the three different types of sentences: declarative sentences (which are statements), interrogative sentences (which are questions), and imperative sentences (which are orders or strong feelings). This will be done in journals through out the year to see the students progression. Parents will be able to save for their end of the year portfolio.

This will be a 70 minute class.

**Prerequisites:** Students should be able to sit for short periods of time. Students should enter the class with smiles ready for fun!

**Homework:** There will be homework sent home on occasion or as needed. I will also send home handouts, which will be handed out in the beginning of the year, to keep at home with sight words, letters and other fun game ideas to do at home. This can be a supplemental tool used for the student to get

more practice in. Make sure to open your email from me via Thinkwave to see what homework needs to be turned in.

**Supply fee:** \$40 (for classroom games, supplementary tools and copy paper)

**Materials:** Each student may bring in:

- one composition journal (Primary Composition Journal)

- pencil case/pouch

- pencils (if you prefer chunky pencils for beginner writers)

- scissors

- crayons

- Glue Stick

- a folder (to send home work we did in class and practice work at home)