Reading and Writing

Grade 1 & 2 (2020/2021)

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**Ages ~** 7-9

**Objective ~** Reading and writing can and should be fun! In this course, students will learn to develop a love for reading through interacting with picture books, articles, short fables/stories, chapter books and more! They will listen to a variety of literature (fiction and non-fiction) geared for their level of understanding. They will be asked comprehension questions and will have opportunities to retell familiar stories through readers theater.

Phonetics and sight words will also be introduced and/or reinforced in fun ways to support the students in becoming independent readers.

Some skills that we will focus on include:

* Problem / solution
* Summarizing a story
* Interpretation and reflection
* Author’s purpose
* Main idea
* Text features
* Cause & Effect

In writing, students will expand their understanding and implementation of sentence writing and move into learning how to write short paragraphs during the first half of the year. By the end of the year, the students will be writing longer paragraphs (based on that week’s literature, a unit study, or topic). We will learn to write using the four main types of writing: expository, persuasive, narrative, and descriptive. We will also use writing to answer text-based questions, journal, and more.

This will be a one-hour class and the class size is limited.

**Prerequisites ~** Students should be able to sit for short periods of time. They should be ready to learn and have fun!

**Homework ~** There will be some assignments to complete at home for students to share with the class. Additional practice sheets may be provided when needed.

**Supply Fee ~** $20

The class fee will include items such as:

* classroom supplies (pencils, erasers, glue, scissors, etc.)
* notebooks for writing
* copy paper