



# ACES Academic Enrichment Center

## 2019 Summer Enrichment Course Syllabus

**Course Name: Creative Writing – Funny Tales for 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

### Course Description

ACES Creative Writing – Funny Tales serves as an introduction to creative writing using the six traits<sup>1</sup> by exploring tall tales, trickster tales, and other humorous stories from around the world as a model for completing a written narrative. Students will engage in daily prompts and undertake various exercises to stimulate the imagination and hone writing skills. By the end of the course, student will complete a multi-page, polished, short story narrative.

1 The six traits are ideas and content, organization, voice, fluency, word choice, and grammar conventions. <https://iew.com/help-support/resources/articles/6-traits-iew>

### Course Objectives and Student Competencies

- Gain confidence and skills as creative writers
- Learn the essential components of fictional narratives
- Become more fluent in use of grammatical constructions and vocabulary through writing and practice

### Class Structure

Class begins with a short discussion of an assigned reading. Each day we will go through one of the six “traits” and practice writing each piece.

Date	Topics	Homework
6/10	Briefly go over each of the six “traits” focusing the most on ideas and organization, brainstorming and deciding on a topic for creative writing	Reading and Essay Log #1
6/11	Voice and word choice, tall tales, outlining	Reading and Essay Log #2
6/12	Sentence Fluency and Conventions, trickster tales, writing first sentences and first paragraphs	Reading and Essay Log #3
6/13	Presentation and Editing of creative writing assignment, more humorous tales, writing conflict, resolution, and endings	Reading and Essay Log #4
6/14	Review the traits and finish discussion of the creative narratives read over the week, peer review	Course Evaluation