



# ACES Academic Enrichment Center

## 2019 Summer Enrichment Course Syllabus

**Course Name: Descriptive and Informative Writing for 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

### Course Description

In this class students will learn to convey information accurately in writing. We will discuss common grammatical errors and strategies to address them when editing sentences, paragraphs, and short essays. Students will focus on devoting time and attention to each individual step of the writing process so that they may present their ideas in an organized, interesting manner. Students will also analyze examples of informative articles to gain a better understanding of the differences in style between different disciplines. By the end of the course, students will be able to write short essays with increased clarity and credibility.

### Course Objectives and Student Competencies

- Gain confidence in and learn the essential components of informative and descriptive writing
- Become more fluent in use of grammatical constructions

### Class Structure

Class begins with a short discussion of an assigned reading. After discussing the components of a genre of descriptive or informative writing, students will practice writing their own.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Homework</b>
6/24	Informative and descriptive writing introduction	Reading and Essay Log #1
6/25	Informative and descriptive writing in manuals and directions	Reading and Essay Log #2
6/26	Informative and descriptive writing introduction in the social sciences	Reading and Essay Log #3
6/27	Informative and descriptive writing in the sciences	Reading and Essay Log #4
6/28	Informative and descriptive writing review	Course Evaluation