



# ACES Academic Enrichment Center

## 2019 Summer Enrichment Course Syllabus

**Course Name: Foundations of Academic Writing for 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

### **Course Description**

ACES Foundations of Academic Writing helps students learn foundational components needed to create an expository essay including building a strong thesis statement and an analytical body paragraph structure. Emphasis will be placed on understanding of form, idea, style, mechanics, and voice needed for effective communication in a variety of writing through short essay prompts. Students will also learn to organize their ideas effectively and strategically incorporate quotations from a source text into their compositions. By the end of the course, the students will be able to write short essays with increased confidence and credibility. This class serves as a basis for various forms of nonfiction academic writing for assignments such as science research papers and reports, history essays, and literary analyses.

### **Course Objectives and Student Competencies**

- Master the foundations of academic writing
- Have polished short academic essays
- Feel more comfortable writing academic essays and have a plan when assigned essays at school

### **Class Structure**

Class begins with a practice short essay free write and discussion of the topic of the day. Read examples of the academic writing form of the day and find commonalities. Practice writing our own versions and proofread each other.

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Topics</b>                   | <b>Homework</b> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 6/17        | Thesis statements               | Essay log #1    |
| 6/18        | Strong body paragraphs          | Essay log #2    |
| 6/19        | Expository writing and research | Essay log #3    |
| 6/20        | Quotations and persuasion       | Essay log #4    |
| 6/21        | Proofreading and review         |                 |