




Spirit of English™

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Curriculum Overview



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by grade

GRADE	DRILLS	GRAMMAR & EDITING	CREATIVE EXPRESSION	NOVELS	INDEPENDENT ASSIGNMENTS
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cursive Writing Ordering Adjectives & Plural 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nouns - Proper and Common Articles - Definite and Indefinite Pronouns - Subject and Object Adjectives to modify a noun and proper order Verbs - action, linking, present, simple past, simple future Adverbs Coordinating Conjunctions Prepositions - space, time and phrases Interjections Independent Clauses Homophones Punctuation: Italics, apostrophes, hyphens Treasure Hunt: to edit grammatical errors Similes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly journal writing Poetry Speeches Writing about a picture Short stories Writing a thank you note Writing using vocabulary words Editing a story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen Keller Dots Charlotte's Web 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry Famous Authors Memory Work
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cursive Writing Ordering Adjectives & Plural 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nouns - Proper, Common and Collective Articles - Definite and Indefinite Pronoun - Subject, Object, singular, plural, antecedent, possessive Proper and Possessive Adjectives Irregular and Regular Verbs - action, linking, present, simple past, simple future Adverbs - modify a verb, adjective or another adverb Coordinating Conjunctions Prepositions - space, time, direction, similarity and phrases Interjections Independent Clauses Compound Sentences Homophones Subject and Predicate Punctuation Italics Punctuation including hyphens Treasure Hunt: to edit grammatical errors Similes and Metaphors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly journal writing Poetry Speeches Writing about a picture Short Story Writing using vocabulary words Editing a story Writing an Email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules The Mysterious Benedict Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry Famous Authors Memory Work
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cursive Writing Homophones One-Level Analysis Two-Level Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nouns - Proper, Common, Collective, concrete, abstract Articles - Definite and Indefinite Pronoun - Subject, Object, singular, plural, antecedent, indefinite, possessive, interrogative Adjectives - positive, comparative, superlative Verbs - irregular, regular, infinitive, action, linking, present, simple past, simple future, present perfect, past perfect, future perfect Adverbs - modify a verb, adjective or another adverb Coordinating and Subordinating Conjunctions Prepositions - space, time, direction, similarity, phrases and object Interjections Independent clauses Compound sentences Subject and predicate Parts of the sentence Punctuation including italics, apostrophes, hyphens Treasure Hunt: to edit grammatical errors Parts of a sentence (subject, predicate, direct object, indirect object, subject complement) Common writing mistakes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry Weekly journal Speeches Debates Short stories Novel reflections Free-writing Peer editing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sky is Falling The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry Famous Authors Novel epilogue creation

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5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cursive Writing • One-Level Analysis • Two-Level Analysis • Three-Level Analysis • Four-Level Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nouns - Proper, Common, Collective, concrete, abstract, noun of direct address, countable and non-countable • Articles - Definite and Indefinite • Pronoun - Subject, Object, plural, antecedent, indefinite, possessive, nominative case, genders • Adjectives - positive, comparative, superlative • Verbs - action, linking and gerunds • Adverbs - modify a verb, adjective or another adverb • Coordinating and Subordinating Conjunctions • Prepositions - space, time, direction, similarity, phrases and object • Interjections • Compound Sentences • Complex Sentences • Punctuation including italics, apostrophes, hyphens • Treasure Hunt: to edit grammatical errors • Parts of a sentence (subject, predicate, direct object, indirect object, subject complement) • Phrases (prepositional, gerund, appositive) • Independent and Dependent clauses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakespeare • Weekly Journal • Speeches • Debates • Short stories • Novel reflections • Free-writing • Peer editing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A variety of novels dependent on the year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article dissection • Essay writing • Poetry

Our program integrates Four Key Elements

CORE CURRICULUM

Students delve deeply into English concepts from the earliest grades in Spirit of English. Rather than just introducing language topics on the surface to students, Spirit of English spends time exploring and practicing the topics and ideas to a greater depth. This gives students the skills and understanding to be able to work with others in a cooperative team, tackling interesting and difficult problem-solving questions. Engagement is intensive and exciting.

COLLABORATIVE GROUP WORK

This program introduces students to unique problems which have been crafted in such a way that students quickly realize that they need collaboration with others to solve the problems. Our students learn how to share their ideas while learning from their teachers and their peers. Students are encouraged to discuss their homework, collaboratively problem-solve in class, and present their results to their classmates.

DRILLS

Practicing our drills makes it easy to have language facts ready in your mind so you can focus on the more complex material. Drills also help increase speed and accuracy when solving problems. Whether in kindergarten or in university, it is a base that matters and stays with you. Our approach to drills is a complete system that we designed from the ground up, tracking success and promoting students to work together to achieve new goals in the classroom.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Spirit of English's problem-solving stream is unique and hardly routine; students learn to read critically, to think creatively, to work cooperatively and to press on when the answer isn't immediately obvious.

Admission Requirements:

All students and parents must go through a screening process that includes an interview, and the following is required:

- B+ or higher overall average on the student's report card.
- Students are required to bring a handwritten 250 word paragraph about their favourite book.
- Students must be willing to accept the challenging nature of the program and the discipline that it takes to keep up with their studies; parents must also agree to this.

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inspire confidence
and **release the**
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