

For our English/Grammar class, we will be working together so that your child will achieve the learning goals identified below. Your child should be able to demonstrate that he or she can:

1. **Apply basic writing mechanics and conventions:**
 - Edit for spelling, capitalization, punctuation errors (including commas and apostrophes), and grammar usage errors including subject-verb agreement, run-ons and sentence fragments) to improve clarity and accuracy.
 - Use conventions of capitalization in written word.
2. **Communicate effectively through written language**
 - Write expository and persuasive paragraphs with:
 - An effective topic sentence or a point to prove
 - Three or more supporting sentences
 - A concluding sentence
3. **Demonstrate reading fluency**
 - Read grade-level instructional text:
 - With fluency, accuracy and expression
 - Adjusting reading rate to difficulty and type of text
4. **Utilize grade level vocabulary**
 - Use structural analysis to determine word meaning (e.g., prefixes, root words, suffixes, compound words, contractions, and syllables)
 - Develop vocabulary through text, using:
 - Roots and affixes
 - Context clues
 - Glossary, dictionary and thesaurus
5. **Apply comprehension strategies**
 - During reading utilize strategies to:
 - Self-question and correct
 - Infer
 - Visualize
 - Predict and check using cueing systems: meaning, Structural and visual
6. **Draw logical conclusions and make generalizations about the passage or story**
 - Use details from text to:
 - Make inferences about setting, character traits and story elements
 - Make predictions

- **Compare and contrast various elements**