

# **Matthews Enrichment Schedule 2023-2024**

## **Mondays**

### **American Sign Language (ASL) as a Foreign Language Level 2 - Terry Moore**

- Ages: 12-19
- Time: Mondays, 11:10 - 11:55 AM
- Date: Date: September 11, 2023 - April 08, 2024
- Cost: \$400.00 year

This is a full-year American Sign Language (ASL) course. This class is designed for returning Level 1 students or those that have taken ASL in the past. All curriculum used in class is approved by the Deaf Community and is being used in various High Schools and Colleges to teach ASL.

Students will continue to learn with the vocabulary they have previously learned from ASL Level One and will be covering the next two vocabulary units available to build upon their current knowledge base. We will learn how to discuss living situations, giving basic directions, commands involving a location, expressing needs, asking what a sign is, expressing travel times, how to form negative responses, and sharing about one's family.

Homework is assigned every week. They will also have quizzes, midterms and a final exam. Students will receive a grade at the end of the year for the course, as well as a Certificate of Completion. All materials are included for the class in the form of YouTube links sent out weekly through email.

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**For more information or to register, please contact Terry Moore**

**[signingmoorewithterry@gmail.com](mailto:signingmoorewithterry@gmail.com)**

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## American Sign Language (ASL) as a Foreign Language Level 1- Terry Moore

- Ages: 12-19
- Time: Mondays, 12:05 - 12:50 PM
- Date: September 11, 2023 – April 8, 2024
- Cost: \$400.00 year

This is a full-year beginner-level American Sign Language (ASL) course, designed as a foreign language credit or an elective for high schoolers. All curriculum used in class is approved by the Deaf Community and is being used in various High Schools and Colleges to teach ASL.

Students will be learning ASL vocabulary & structure by practicing new signs every week with classroom exercises. They will be creating sentences and learning different ASL dialogues all while learning about the Deaf culture. Students will also learn about the different sign languages available today that are not American Sign Language and not used by the Deaf community. They will learn what the differences are, and why the Deaf community uses what the student will learn in this class. Learning will be supported with videos, games and activities to help make learning fun. Students will be signing to one another as they practice what they are learning.

Homework is assigned every week. They will also have quizzes, midterms and final exams. Students will receive a grade at the end of the year for the course, as well as a Certificate of Completion. All materials are included for the class in the form of YouTube links sent out weekly through email.

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**Note: ASL-2 will always be offered to the student after completion of ASL-1.**

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## **Intermediate Writing, Essay Writing - Kyra Gartrell**

- Grades: Advanced 8th- 12th (honors options)
- Times: Mondays, 1:20 - 2:20 PM
- Orientation Date - August 30, 2023 (Stallings Park, Time TBD)
- Class Dates- Mondays, September 11, 2023 - May 15, 2024
- Cost: \$595 per year for first child, \$545 if paid in full on or before Orientation day. If desired, monthly payments of \$61.88. Sibling discount available.

This class (which uses the second half of **WriteShop<sup>®</sup> II**) focuses on style techniques and the rudiments for writing various types of essays; such as opinion, persuasive, and analytical, as well as incorporating research in MLA format. This class is designed to methodically teach students how to successfully write coherent paragraphs for the foundational Five- paragraph essay in various formats. We will also address writing variety of sentence structures using model sentences from published works. The culminating assignment is an analytical MLA research paper. An honors option is available for this class. All assignments are evaluated and graded.

### Class Topics

- Sentence & Paragraph Construction
- Paragraph Development
- Essay Structure & Terminology
- Writing Captivating Introductions
- Writing Satisfying Conclusions
- Crafting Thesis Statements
- Incorporating Diction, Tone, Unity, and Clarity
- Active and Strong Writing
- Focused and Applied Grammar using a Sentence Composing Approach
- On-line Grammar Program
- Expository Essays
- Opinion & Persuasive Essay
- Definitive Essay
- Comparative Essay
- Narrative / Reflexive Essay
- Analytical MLA research paper

High School Credit: 1 credit

Prerequisites : Intermediate Writing, Level I or a readiness for writing 5 paragraph essays; a basic understanding of grammar, sentence structure, or prior writing experience through a love of writing or a prior writing curriculum.

Required Texts: WriteShop II (second half)– 5<sup>th</sup> ed. (can be ordered from teacher); Grammar for High School – A Sentence Composing Approach by Don and Jenny Killgallon; The Blue Book of Grammar – 12<sup>th</sup> ed; Synonym Finder; Collegiate Dictionary / Thesaurus.

**To register: please visit [www.thewriterstoolbox.info](http://www.thewriterstoolbox.info) or email [readtowitz@earthlink.net](mailto:readtowitz@earthlink.net) for forms.**

Students will not be registered in class until the registration form, deposit or payment in full and completed facility forms are received.

Registration confirmation sent via e-mail upon receipt.

**Please feel free to call Kyra Gartrell at (704)236-1249 or e-mail her at [readtowitz@earthlink.net](mailto:readtowitz@earthlink.net) with any questions.**

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## **Introduction to Writing - Kyra Gartrell**

- Grades: Advanced 6th - 9th Grade
- Times: Mondays, 2:30 - 3:30 PM
- Orientation Day- August 30, 2023 (Stallings Park, Time TBD)
- Class Dates- Mondays, September 11, 2023 - May 15, 2024
- Cost: \$ 570 per year for first child, \$520 if paid in full on or before Orientation day. If desired, monthly payments of \$58.75. Sibling discount available.

This incremental, non-threatening approach to writing enables students to successfully enhance their writing skills by learning to write and edit compositions from various genres through engaging assignments. We will focus on mastering the fundamental building blocks of writing using hands on techniques, games, and a variety of activities.

Students learn to write concise and explicit descriptive, informative, and narrative essays as well as expository reports. Each lesson includes a Skill Builder activity for students to practice new grammatical and stylistics skills that are incorporated in each lesson. A self-editing and proofreading checklist is included with each lesson to help students focus on lesson requirements, skills learned, content, composition, and mechanics. We will generally spend 2 weeks on each lesson except for our two (2) major projects; a 5 to 6 week Journalism unit where the students work in groups to create and produce a historical newspaper and a 6-week research report unit where students will research an animal, write an MLA style report and present it in class. All assignments are evaluated with helpful feedback and graded.

#### Class Topics

- Descriptive Compositions
- Concrete language
- Sensory Details
- Skill Practice with "Skill Builders" for each Lesson
- Sentence Varieties
- Biographical Sketch
- Short Research Report and Presentation on an Animal using MLA format
- Outlining
- Journalism (Historical Newspaper Unit) Project & Presentation
- Narrative Compositions
- Point of View Compositions

Prerequisites: Basic understanding of grammar and sentence structure.

Required Texts: WriteShop I - New 5<sup>th</sup> ed. (can be ordered from teacher); Synonym Finder; age/grade appropriate Dictionary

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## WriteShop Jr. Book E - Kyra Gartrell

- Grades: 5th- 6th (reluctant 7th grader)
- Time: Mondays 3:40 - 4:30 PM PM
- Orientation Date - August 30, 2023 (Stallings Park, Time TBD)
- Class Dates- September 11, 2023- May 15, 2024
- Cost: \$540 per year for first child, \$490 if paid in full on or before Orientation day. If desired, monthly payments of \$55.00. Sibling discount available.

This class teaches students to write and publish fiction, non-fiction and poetry using a variety of games, graphic organizers, self-editing tools and arts & crafts. This hands-on class will provide consistent instructions to unlock the budding writer and make writing an activity your students will ask for. Students will learn to plan, create, self- evaluate and publish their writing projects in a variety of forms, such as a booklet, matted copy with borders, lap book, flip book, display board, and many other forms. Each 2 to 3 week lesson will include grammar, journaling, and specific requirements for the lesson genre. Whether you have a more advanced child or one who is just learning the writing process, this flexible program will allow your child to work at their level and succeed. Student assignments are not graded at this level; instead, encouraging comments are made to instill or foster creativity and a love for writing. Each WriteShop Jr. class is independent of each other; there is no prerequisite class.

### Class Topics

- Lesson 1 : Writing a Fable; Grammar: Sentences
- Lesson 2 : Adding Humor Elements to a Known Narrative ; Grammar : Kinds of Sentences
- Lesson 3 : Writing an Adventure Story and Adding Timing; Grammar: Compound Sentences
- Lesson 4 : Including “Scientific Facts” in a Science Fiction Story; Grammar : Compound Words
- Lesson 5: Writing a Mystery Story; Grammar: Dialogue
- Lesson 6: Writing Concrete Poetry to Create a Book of Poems Project; Grammar: Homophones & Homographs
- Lesson 7: Personal Narrative (intro to 5 paragraphs); Grammar: Five Paragraphs
- Lesson 8 : Book Summary (5 pgph); Grammar: Prefixes/Suffixes
- Lesson 9: Book Report (5 pgph); Grammar: Parts of Speech Review
- Lesson 10: Writing and Presenting an Expository Report with Basic MLA format (5 pgh); Grammar: Synonyms

Prerequisites: Basic understanding of elementary grammar and sentence structure.

Required Texts: WriteShop Jr. Book E (includes Skill Builder Worksheet and Grammar Guide Pack) can be ordered from teacher; Various Handouts; Dictionary and Thesaurus

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## **Tuesdays**

### **Saxon Algebra 1 (twice a week) - Shawn Hill**

- Time: Tuesdays, 11:05 - 12:05 PM Tuesdays AND Thursdays (meets twice weekly)
- Date: September 5, 2023 - April 25, 2024
- Cost: \$650.00 (does not include books and supplies) There is a non-refundable \$150 deposit due upon registration which will reserve a place for your child in the class. This payment will serve as a portion of the tuition.

Are you tired of the constant daily battle when it comes to math time? Do you cringe when you hear the sighs coming from your child when you mention math? Are you at your wits end trying to scramble to find a way to explain those math concepts that you haven't touched in over 20 years? Then this class is what you have been searching for!! This class takes some of the drudgery out of math that is so common among our children. Your child will find math more enjoyable in a subject that for many is quite frankly unpleasant! When your child successfully completes this course, they will have the necessary foundation for some day approaching much higher math courses. This is a course that involves the mastery of various math concepts including operations with real numbers, solving equations and inequalities, polynomials, exponential operations,

factoring, functions, systems of equations and inequalities, linear equations, and quadratic equations.

Textbook: Saxon Algebra 1, 3rd Ed./ Saxon Algebra 1 Test Book, 3rd Ed.

Supplies: 1 inch 3-ring binder, 3 tab dividers, loose-leaf paper, graph paper, pencils

**To register please contact Shawn Hill by email at [s\\_shill@msn.com](mailto:s_shill@msn.com) or call 704-607-9092**

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### **Saxon Algebra 2 (twice a week)- Shawn Hill**

- Time: 12:10 - 1:15 PM Tuesdays AND Thursdays (meets twice weekly)
- Date: September 5, 2023 - April 25, 2024
- Cost: \$650.00 (does not include books and supplies) There is a non-refundable \$150 deposit due upon registration which will reserve a place for your child in the class. This payment will serve as a portion of the tuition.

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Textbook: Saxon Algebra 2, 3rd Edition/ Saxon Algebra 2 Test Book 3rd Ed.

Supplies: Graphing Calculator 1 inch 3-ring binder, 3 tab dividers, loose-leaf paper, graph paper, pencils.

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### **Advanced Mathematics (twice a week) - Shawn Hill**

- Time: Tuesdays, 1:20 - 2:25 PM Tuesdays AND Thursdays (meets twice weekly)
- Date: September 5, 2023 - April 25, 2024
- Cost: \$650.00 (does not include books and supplies) There is a non-refundable \$150 deposit due upon registration which will reserve a place for your child in the class. This payment will serve as a portion of the tuition.

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Textbook: Saxon Advanced Mathematics, 2nd Edition/ Saxon Advanced Math Test Book, 2nd Edition

Supplies: 1 inch 3-ring binder, 3 tab dividers, loose-leaf paper, graph paper, pencils

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### **Saxon Pre-Algebra (twice a week) - Shawn Hill**

- Time: Tuesdays, 2:30- 3:20 PM Tuesdays AND Thursdays (meets twice weekly)
- Date: September 5, 2023 - April 25, 2024
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children. Your child will find math more enjoyable in a subject that for many is quite frankly unpleasant! This class includes a review and expansion of basic arithmetic concepts, fractions, decimals, percent, the order of operations, ratios, proportions, one and two- step algebraic equations. When a student successfully completes this class, they are prepared to take Algebra 1.

Textbook: Saxon Algebra 1/2, 3rd Edition/ Saxon Algebra 1/2 Test Book, 3rd Edition

Supplies: 1 inch 3-ring binder, 3 tab dividers, loose-leaf paper, graph paper, pencils

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## **American Sign Language (ASL) as a Foreign Language Level 1- Terry Moore**

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- Date: September 12, 2023 – April 9, 2024
- Cost: \$400.00 year

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### **Signing for Fun (ASL) Level One – Terry Moore**

- Ages: 7-12
- Time: Tuesdays, 4:25 – 4:55 PM
- Date: September 12, 2023 – December 05, 2023
- Cost: \$125.00

This class is designed to teach your children a fun new language! We will learn and review new signs every week by playing games and learning a few songs to reinforce learning. We will also be watching some short stories in sign language. This class is a wonderful way for children to learn a new language and have fun doing so!

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## **Wednesdays**

### **Intermediate Writing, Level II- Kyra Gartrell**

- Grades: Advanced 8th - 12th (honors options)
- Times: Wednesdays, 11:10 AM- 12:10 PM (This 1st Session Class is now FULL. See 2nd class option at 3:40 - 4:40 PM, same day. )
- Orientation Day - August 30, 2023 (Stallings Park, Time TBD)
- Class Dates- September 6, 2023 - May 15, 2024
- Cost: \$595 per year for first child, \$545 if paid in full on or before Orientation day. If desired, monthly payments of \$61.88. Sibling discount available.

This class (which uses the second half of **WriteShop<sup>®</sup> II**) focuses on style techniques and the rudiments for writing various types of essays; such as expository, analytical and persuasive as well as incorporating research in MLA format. Assignments will range from 5 paragraphs to 2 to 3 page essays and a 7 to 10 page research paper. Five paragraph essays are begun within the first few lessons, to eventually focus on parallel writing and timed writing activities. Students will develop more in- depth writing techniques that will include several types of persuasive / argumentative writing assignments. Projects include a research paper, critical analysis and “Advertising in Truth” unit. This class also allows for a creative writing unit and an introduction to writing about and studying literature in depth using John Steinbeck’s, The Pearl. Assignments are evaluated with helpful feedback and then graded. An honors option is available for this class.

#### Class Topics:

- Descriptive & Narrative Essays
- Concrete Language & Sensory Details
- Sentence Structures and Variations
- Grammar Review (active writing, pronouns, punctuation, agreement, etc.)

- Writing with clarity & good word usage
- MLA Research Paper
- Analytical essays (Compare & Contrast and Definition Essay)
- Opinion and Persuasive essays
- Writing Editorials and Critical Reviews
- Writing with parallelism
- “Advertising in Truth” – Understanding persuasive propaganda from the media
- In-depth Literature Study of *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck (literary devices and vocabulary)

High School Credit: 1 credit

Prerequisites: Intermediate Writing-Level I or a readiness for writing 5 paragraph + essays; a basic understanding of grammar, sentence structure, or prior writing experience through a love of writing or a prior writing curriculum.

Required Texts: WriteShop II (second half) can be ordered from teacher; *The Blue Book of Grammar* – 12<sup>th</sup> ed.: Synonym Finder; Collegiate Dictionary /Thesaurus, and The Pearl by John Steinbeck.

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### **Introduction to Writing - Kyra Gartrell**

- Grades: Advanced 6th - 9th Grade
- Times: Wednesdays, 12:20 PM - 1:20 PM
- Orientation - August 30, 2023 (Stallings Park, Time TBD)

- Class Dates- Mondays, September 6, 2023 - May 15, 2024
- Cost: \$ 570 per year for first child, \$520 if paid in full on or before Orientation day. If desired, monthly payments of \$58.75. Sibling discount available.

This incremental, non-threatening approach to writing enables students to successfully enhance their writing skills by learning to write and edit compositions from various genres through engaging assignments. We will focus on mastering the fundamental building blocks of writing using hands on techniques, games, and a variety of activities. Students learn to write concise and explicit descriptive, informative, and narrative essays as well as expository reports. Each lesson includes a Skill Builder activity for students to practice new grammatical and stylistics skills that are incorporated in each lesson. A self-editing and proofreading checklist is included with each lesson to help students focus on lesson requirements, skills learned, content, composition, and mechanics. We will generally spend 2 weeks on each lesson except for our two (2) major projects; a 5 to 6 week Journalism unit where the students work in groups to create and produce a historical newspaper and a 6 week research report unit where students will research an animal, write an MLA style report and present it in class. All assignments are evaluated and graded.

#### Class Topics

- Descriptive Compositions
- Concrete language
- Sensory Details
- Skill Practice with "Skill Builders" for each Lesson
- Sentence Varieties
- Short Research Report (animal)
- Biographical Report
- Outlining
- Journalism (Historical Newspaper Unit)
- Narrative Compositions
- Point of View Compositions

Prerequisites: Basic understanding of grammar and sentence structure.

Required Texts: WriteShop I - New 5<sup>th</sup> ed. (can be ordered from teacher); Synonym Finder; age/grade appropriate Dictionary

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- Times: Wednesdays, 1:30 - 2:30 PM
- Orientation Day - August 30, 2023 (Stallings Park, Time TBD)
- Class Dates- Mondays, September 6, 2023 - May 15, 2024
- Cost: \$580 per year for first child, \$530 if paid in full on or before Orientation day. If desired, monthly payments of \$60.00. Sibling discount available.

Writing assignments for the Intermediate Writing Level I classes are interesting, purposeful and engaging. Besides writing instruction, students will learn how to or continue to learn self-editing skills so they are less reliant upon their teachers and better able to confidentially produce quality work. This class will use the lessons 17, 18, 21, 22, & 23 in the **WriteShop**® II curriculum and focus on style techniques in descriptive and narrative writing. Along with WriteShop lessons, student will focus on writing and responding to poetry, analyzing characterization using *The Prince and the Pauper* by Mark Twain, writing an expository researched paper using primary as well as secondary sources and writing an opinion essay. Students are introduced to sentence types and other stylistic and grammar topics using an on-line grammar programs and handouts. All assignments are evaluated and graded.

#### Class Topics

- Sentence Construction
- Paragraph Development
- Descriptive Writing
- Narratives (various points of view)
- Sentence Varieties
- Poetry (reading and writing)
- Characterization using *The Prince and the Pauper* by Mark Twain
- Outlining
- Research Writing Project (report and presentation)
- Persuasion
- Grammar and Mechanics
- Information Literacy as it pertains to research

High School Credit: 3/4 credit (adding a few Literature units (ie. Progeny Press or Total Language Plus) and Vocabulary (ie Wordly Wise) will complete your English program)

Prerequisites : Introduction to Writing I or an understanding of word types and sentence structure.

Required Texts: WriteShop II (uses first half of text)– 5<sup>th</sup> ed. (can be ordered from teacher); The Blue Book of Grammar – 12<sup>th</sup> ed., Synonym Finder, and The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain (unabridged)

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## **WriteShop Jr. Book F - Kyra Gartrell**

- Grades: Advanced 5th to 6th / 7th grader/ reluctant 8th grader
- Time: Wednesdays, 2:40 - 3:30 PM
- Orientation Day - August 30, 2023 (Stallings Park, Time TBD)
- Class Dates- September 6, 2023 - May 15, 2024
- Cost: \$550 per year for first child, \$500 if paid in full on or before Orientation day. If desired, monthly payments of \$56.25. Sibling discount available.

Writing = Fun in WriteShop<sup>©</sup> Jr. F

This class teaches students to write and publish fiction, non-fiction and poetry using a variety of games, graphic organizers, self-editing tools and arts & crafts. This hands-on class will provide consistent instructions to unlock the budding writer and make writing an activity your students will ask for. Students will learn to plan, create, research, self-evaluate and publish their writing projects in a variety of forms, such as a booklet, matted copy with borders, lap book, flip book, accordion book, display board, and many other forms. In addition to writing narratives in several genres, students will read and summarize a short story, write a literary response on a grade appropriate novel, write a

personal story, create a book of poems, and research, write and present a report. Each 2 to 3 - week lesson will include grammar, journaling, and specific requirements for the lesson genre. Whether you have a more advanced child or one who is just learning the writing process, this flexible program will allow your child to work at their level and succeed. Student assignments are not graded at this level; instead, encouraging comment are made to encourage creativity and foster a love for writing. Each WriteShop Jr. class is independent of each other; there is no prerequisite class.

- Lesson 1: Writing an Adventure Story (Using Concrete Writing to Add Realistic Story Details)  
Grammar: Parts of Speech & Parts of Sentences Review
- Lesson 2: Writing a Tall Tale (Using Figures of Speech to Create Unique Characters)  
Grammar: Figures of Speech (Simile, Idiom, Metaphor, Personification, Cliché)
- Lesson 3: Writing a Mystery Story (Using Descriptive Words to Add Interest to a Mystery)  
Grammar: Writing a Journal
- Lesson 4: Writing a Historical Fiction Story (Narrowing Topics)  
Grammar: Writing from various POV'S 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ltd. Omniscient, 3<sup>rd</sup> POV Ltd. Omni.
- Lesson 5: Limericks (Poetry Unit - Using Rhyme and Meter)  
Grammar: Poetry Devices
- Lesson 6: Writing a Persuasive Letter (Using Strong Voice to Convince Readers)  
Grammar: Contractions and Confusing Words
- Lesson 7: Writing a Personal Narrative (Adding Sensory Details to a 5 Paragraph Story)  
Grammar: Writing 5 paragraphs
- Lesson 8: Writing a Story Summary (Summarizing the Main Idea and Supporting Details of a Short Story in 5 Paragraphs) Grammar: Using Apostrophes
- Lesson 9: Responding to Literature (Analyzing a Novel and Responding to its Meaning)  
Grammar: Ways to Respond to Literature: Genre, Characters Plot, Comparisons
- Lesson 10: Writing and Presenting a Non-fiction Researched Report with basic MLA format on a National or World Treasure (such as the State of Liberty or Taj Mahal)  
Grammar: Using Commas

Prerequisites: Basic understanding of elementary grammar and sentence structure.

Required Texts: WriteShop Jr. Book F (part of group book order); Various Handouts; Grade Appropriate

Dictionary and Thesaurus

**To register: please visit [www.thewriterstoolbox.info](http://www.thewriterstoolbox.info) or email [readtowrite@earthlink.net](mailto:readtowrite@earthlink.net) for forms.**

Students will not be registered in class until the registration form, deposit or payment in full and completed facility forms are received.

Registration confirmation sent via e-mail upon receipt.

**Please feel free to call Kyra Gartrell at (704)236-1249 or e-mail her at [readtowrite@earthlink.net](mailto:readtowrite@earthlink.net) with any questions.**

*\*All teacher credentials and experience is provided at the end of the class list.*

### **Intermediate Writing, Level II- Kyra Gartrell**

- Grades: Advanced 8th - 12th (honors options)
- Times: Wednesdays, 11:10 AM- 12:10 PM (This 1st Session Class is now FULL. See 2nd class option at 3:40 - 4:40 PM, same day. )
- Orientation Day - August 30, 2023 (Stallings Park, Time TBD)
- Class Dates- September 6, 2023 - May 15, 2024
- Cost: \$595 per year for first child, \$545 if paid in full on or before Orientation day. If desired, monthly payments of \$61.88. Sibling discount available.

This class (which uses the second half of **WriteShop<sup>®</sup> II**) focuses on style techniques and the rudiments for writing various types of essays; such as expository, analytical and persuasive as well as incorporating research in MLA format. Assignments will range from 5 paragraphs to 2 to 3 page essay and 7 to 10 page research paper. Five paragraph essays are begun within the first few lessons, to eventually focus on parallel writing and timed writing activities. Students will develop more in- depth writing techniques that will include several types of persuasive / argumentative writing assignments. Projects include a research paper, critical analysis and “Advertising in Truth” unit. This class also allows for a creative writing unit and an introduction to writing about and studying literature in depth using John Steinbeck’s, The Pearl. Assignments are evaluated with helpful feedback and then graded. An honors option is available for this class.

Class Topics:

- Descriptive & Narrative Essays
- Concrete Language & Sensory Details
- Sentence Structures and Variations
- Grammar Review (active writing, pronouns, punctuation, agreement, etc.)
- Writing with clarity & good word usage
- MLA Research Paper
- Analytical essays (Compare & Contrast and Definition Essay)
- Opinion and Persuasive essays
- Writing Editorials and Critical Reviews
- Writing with parallelism
- “Advertising in Truth” – Understanding persuasive propaganda from the media
- In-depth Literature Study of *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck (literary devices and vocabulary)

High School Credit: 1 credit

Prerequisites: Intermediate Writing-Level I or a readiness for writing 5 paragraph + essays; a basic understanding of grammar, sentence structure, or prior writing experience through a love of writing or a prior writing curriculum.

Required Texts: WriteShop II (second half) can be ordered from teacher; *The Blue Book of Grammar – 12<sup>th</sup> ed.:* Synonym Finder; Collegiate Dictionary /Thesaurus, and *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck.

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## Thursdays

### Saxon Algebra 1 (twice a week) - Shawn Hill

- Time: Tuesdays, 11:05 - 12:05 PM Tuesdays AND Thursdays (meets twice weekly)
- Date: September 5, 2023 - April 25, 2024
- Cost: \$650.00 (does not include books and supplies) There is a non-refundable \$150 deposit due upon registration which will reserve a place for your child in the class. This payment will serve as a portion of the tuition.

Are you tired of the constant daily battle when it comes to math time? Do you cringe when you hear the sighs coming from your child when you mention math? Are you at your wits end trying to scramble to find a way to explain those math concepts that you haven't touched in over 20 years? Then this class is what you have been searching for!! This class takes some of the drudgery out of math that is so common among our children. Your child will find math more enjoyable in a subject that for many is quite frankly unpleasant! When your child successfully completes this course, they will have the necessary foundation for some day approaching much higher math courses. This is a course that involves the mastery of various math concepts including operations with real numbers, solving equations and inequalities, polynomials, exponential operations, factoring, functions, systems of equations and inequalities, linear equations, and quadratic equations.

Textbook: Saxon Algebra 1, 3rd Ed./ Saxon Algebra 1 Test Book, 3rd Ed.

Supplies: 1 inch 3-ring binder, 3 tab dividers, loose-leaf paper, graph paper, pencils

**To register please contact Shawn Hill by email at [s\\_shill@msn.com](mailto:s_shill@msn.com) or call 704-607-9092**

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### Saxon Algebra 2 (twice a week)- Shawn Hill

- Time: 12:10 - 1:15 PM Tuesdays AND Thursdays (meets twice weekly)
- Date: September 5, 2023 - April 25, 2024
- Cost: \$650.00 (does not include books and supplies) There is a non-refundable \$150 deposit due upon registration which will reserve a place for your child in the class. This payment will serve as a portion of the tuition.

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Textbook: Saxon Algebra 2, 3rd Edition/ Saxon Algebra 2 Test Book 3rd Ed.

Supplies: Graphing Calculator 1 inch 3-ring binder, 3 tab dividers, loose-leaf paper, graph paper, pencils.

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### **Advanced Mathematics (twice a week) - Shawn Hill**

- Time: Tuesdays, 1:20 - 2:25 PM Tuesdays AND Thursdays (meets twice weekly)
- Date: September 5, 2023 - April 25, 2024
- Cost: \$650.00 (does not include books and supplies) There is a non-refundable \$150 deposit due upon registration which will reserve a place for your child in the class. This payment will serve as a portion of the tuition.

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Textbook: Saxon Advanced Mathematics, 2nd Edition/ Saxon Advanced Math Test Book, 2nd Edition

Supplies: 1 inch 3-ring binder, 3 tab dividers, loose-leaf paper, graph paper, pencils

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### **Saxon Pre-Algebra (twice a week) - Shawn Hill**

- Time: Tuesdays, 2:30- 3:20 PM Tuesdays AND Thursdays (meets twice weekly)
- Date: September 5, 2023 - April 25, 2024
- Cost: \$650.00 (does not include books and supplies) There is a non-refundable \$150 deposit due upon registration which will reserve a place for your child in the class. This payment will serve as a portion of the tuition.

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Textbook: Saxon Algebra 1/2, 3rd Edition/ Saxon Algebra 1/2 Test Book, 3rd Edition

Supplies: 1 inch 3-ring binder, 3 tab dividers, loose-leaf paper, graph paper, pencils

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***Teacher Profiles***

**Kyra Gartrell:** *I have a BBA in Finance and worked in corporate finance for my first 8 years after college graduation. When our daughter was born, I began "Scribes and More," a home-based word processing business, where I worked for lawyers, doctors, and assisted foreign undergraduate and graduate students in writing papers and dissertations. Once sensing "the call" to homeschool, I transferred my love for teaching and the organizational skills I learned in the corporate world to beginning a co-op in Maryland where I taught for 9 year and edited the monthly Maryland home school newsletter for CHEN (Christian Home Educators Network). I moved to Charlotte, my husband's hometown, in 2001 and continued to homeschool 2 more years. We homeschooled for eleven years and now have a daughter (married) who is a pediatric nurse practitioner near Raleigh, NC and a son (married with our three precious grandsons) who is a Federal Agent in the United States Air Force. I have taught writing, literature, study skills and English classes in the Charlotte, NC metropolitan area since 2001 to over 4500 students.*

**Terry Moore** *is a certified Early Education Educator and past Homeschool Mom. She studied at SPCC in Monroe, NC, as well as ASL with Michigan State University. While homeschooling her own daughter Terry learned how important it is to teach children that learning can be fun. Terry has been teaching ASL for the past 17 years and with The Homeschool Room for the past 14 years. She has also taught Deaf children and Senior Citizens that were losing their hearing to use Sign Language. Terry has taught classes in Matthews, Huntersville, Concord, Gastonia, and Mooresville in addition to teaching children and adults in her church.*

*Terry herself is Hard-of-Hearing and unable to use verbal speech as a form of communication due to having cancer 19 years ago. This resulted in a surgery to remove her larynx, "voice box". For this reason she is very passionate about teaching an accurate & correct form of American Sign Language to all her students so they can feel confident when communicating through signing.*

*Terry's daughter Tasha has grown up signing and is now a graduate of Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) and Appalachian State University with an Associate Degree in Interpreter Education and a Bachelors of Sciences in Communication. Tasha works at CPCC full-time, is a freelance religious interpreter, and is also Terry's assistant in all of her classes.*

**Shawn M. Hill** *has a B.S. in Elementary Education from Bryan College. He has 25 years of classroom experience. He has his license to teach math in North Carolina. Currently, he works as a private/group tutor and homeschool tester. He has taught Saxon Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 for 15 years. He also has taught Advanced Math for 13 years. Shawn and his wife Shannon have three children.*