

# Grammar Games

## A fun and educational class for Grades 1-3

**Course Objectives:** The goal of Grammar Games is to contribute to each student's foundation in communication skills. We will play various grammar games, complete activities, and use manipulatives that will boost writing skills.

The first term will focus on the basics of parts of speech and simple sentence structure. Each child will learn through short stories, game play and activities focused on engraining proper sentence structure as second nature, while also practicing capitalization, punctuation, spelling, editing and more. Students will also receive optional take-home assignments for those parents wishing to reinforce the weekly lessons. By the fourth term, our focus will be on writing skills to include penmanship, basic paragraph structure, and letter writing.

**Class materials:** Students need to come to class each week with a pencil, separate eraser, and a folder in which to keep handouts/take work home.

**Format:** This will be a one-hour class. Students may take both semesters or take one semester independently. Grammar Games is a non-graded course. However, I will share written progress reports at the end of each typical grading period.

**Instructor:** I hold a bachelor's degree in English, am a formally trained Montessori teacher, and will be completing a master's degree in Liberal Arts in December. I have previously taught at SHA, in Department of Defense Schools overseas, and as national faculty with the American Red Cross, teaching all ages of students worldwide. My professional experience includes eight years active duty military, and 20+ years as volunteer and paid management with the Red Cross.

While homeschooling, I have provided childcare as a U.S. Army Child & Youth Services certified family childcare provider with special needs training, and have volunteered with the USO, 4-H, Boy Scouts, Miracle League, Special Olympics, and as a military Family Readiness Group Leader. I have participated in speech, drama, choir, and amateur theater since childhood; writing and directing a play performed at the Ford Festival of Plays in Heidelberg, Germany.

In 2016, I attended the Culinary Institute of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawai'i, including a summer intensive in Mandarin. While attending, I lived and learned on a permaculture farm on eastern Oahu. I currently volunteer as president of the Good Earth Master Gardeners, and am a sitting member on the SHA board.

**Contact Information:** My SHA related website is [www.MissDustysImpartation.wordpress.com](http://www.MissDustysImpartation.wordpress.com). I post weekly class notes on the blog's main page, and maintain individual pages for each course that I teach. (You can check out weekly posts from when I last taught Grammar Games two years ago.) I love to receive ongoing feedback and I only teach subjects that I am truly passionate about! I am also willing to provide additional or substitute assignments based on a student's individual or special needs. Feel free to contact me via my website, by email at [dustyllynnbaker@gmail.com](mailto:dustyllynnbaker@gmail.com), or by phone/text at (330) 324-7090.