

5/6 English Class Description – taught by Janet Highman

English class should be fun AND educational! This English class is designed to accomplish that end as it teaches students the parts of speech in a fun and lively manner. Capitalization and punctuation rules are included. The chief text for the class is *Easy Grammar*.

Students will read the first half of *Little Pilgrim's Progress*, by Helen L. Taylor, in which Christian faces such places as the Slough of Despond and Vanity Fair. A study guide will aid in following Christian's adventures and in pointing out the various Christian themes and struggles in the book.

Together during class, we will read *Treasures of the Snow*, by Patricia St. John. The author paints a wonderful portrait of forgiveness in this moving story about a crippled little boy. Vocabulary is taught along with the story.

Excellence in Writing techniques are used for teaching students good writing skills and strategies; however, the text itself will not be used in total.

Editor-in-Chief will give students practice in detecting errors in writing. These will be assigned as needed.

Students also put together flash cards of troublesome homophones throughout the year, putting pictures with them to remember which one is which one. They will need a 3x5 inch, spiral-bound note card booklet for this project.

Spelling tests are given, usually every other week.

Texts used: Easy Grammar 5 - workbook
Little Pilgrim's Progress by Helen L. Taylor
Editor-in-Chief (copies of these assignments will be provided)

The cost for this class is \$300 for the year. Payments may be made monthly at \$50 per month (over the months of August, September, October, November, February, and March) or at the beginning of each semester (\$150 per semester), or the entire amount may be paid at the beginning of the year.

***There is a \$7.00 copy fee for this class, which should be included with the first payment.

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