

3rd/4th- IEW:
3rd and 4th Grade Writing
Course Syllabus
2026-2027

Course Objectives:

- Students will learn to write various genres or structures of writing
 - Structures will include:
 - Note taking and creating outlines
 - Writing from notes
 - Retelling narrative stories
 - Summarizing a source
 - Creating stories based on a series of pictures
 - Style instruction will include:
 - Using strong verbs and adjectives
 - -ly adverb use
 - Using clauses- who/which, because
 - Creating engaging sentence openers

Course Components:

“From Enoch and Noah to John the Baptist and Paul, students will get to know the heroes of the Bible while working through six of IEW's nine units. A variety of games teach vocabulary, reinforce elements of style, and add to the fun!” ~IEW

This is a curriculum that can be adapted to multiple grade levels. This specific curriculum will allow us to follow a suitable pace for students who are experiencing formal writing instruction for the first time. Our goal is to set a strong writing foundation students can build upon while introducing them to writing components using games and activities. A “gradual release model” will be used throughout the year. We will start by doing a lot together in class and gradually give them more responsibility for writing tasks as the year goes on.

Weekly Homework:

- 30 minutes-1 hour of homework required weekly
- Rough drafts and final copies will typically be written at home
- Sometimes games within the text will be assigned to play at home to practice new skills

Materials Needed:

- Bible Heroes: Writing Lessons in Structure and Style (IEW)
 - [Bible Heroes Writing Lessons | BH-S](#)
- Flex Three Ring Binder (examples below, but any is fine)
 - [Flex 3-Ring Binder](#)
 - [Flex 3-Ring Binder w/ Dividers](#)
- 5 Dividers
- Wide-ruled notebook paper