

Language Arts

It's All in the Rules!

The **Crabapple Tutoring Language Arts Program** establishes a foundation to support effective writing. Our program strengthens Grammar, Mechanics, Usage, Vocabulary, and Sentence & Paragraph structure for students in grades 3 through 12.

Grammar refers to the basic parts of the English Language and how to put them together to write sentences. Strong grammar helps communicate ideas clearly and correctly when speaking or writing. Some of the rules of Grammar include the areas of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, interjections, prepositions and conjunctions.

Mechanics are the rules for capitalization and punctuation. Following these rules is vitally important in the proofreading phase of the writing process. Mechanics includes rules for commas, colons, semicolons, hyphens, quotations, ellipses, and abbreviations.

Usage focuses on the rules for using words and phrases correctly in Standard English. The study of usage helps students avoid making errors in word choice when writing. Some of the rules students will learn include: subject-verb agreement, verb tenses, active & passive voice, double negatives, and demonstrative & interrogative pronouns.

Vocabulary improves reading comprehension, writing, and speaking. Developing strong vocabulary skills teaches a student to bring words to life. Students build vocabulary through the use of analogies, Greek and Latin roots, context clues, figurative language, word origins, idioms, similes, metaphors, homonyms, affixes, and much more.

Sentences and Paragraphs tie everything together. Integrating all of the previous skills is necessary to write complete sentences and paragraphs which are used by the strongest writers. These lessons reinforce the rules needed to produce powerful pieces of writing.

The Language Arts program includes:

- Individualized instruction to focus on your child's specific needs whether in elementary, middle, or high school
- Systematic approach to maximize progress
- A nationally renowned curriculum
- 3:1 student / teacher ratio
- Caring/trained/motivating teachers
- Frequent conferences to communicate student progress
- Teacher conferencing upon request

