



## **Sentence Stretchers – Syllabus**

**Course Description:** The sentence is the foundation for all other writing, yet many beginning writers struggle with the process of constructing sentences. At first, writing a sentence can seem overwhelming or impossible. This class will take students from the grammatical foundations of a sentence (subject and verb) through the process of stretching their sentences by providing detail in various ways. By the end of the course, students will be confident in their ability to write super sentences!

### **Course Outline:**

**Week One:** Review: What Makes a Sentence?

**Week Two:** First Stretches: Who, What, When, Where, Why

**Week Three:** Adding Basic Description:

- A. Using Adjectives
- B. Using Adverbs

**Week Four:** Show, Don't Tell

**Week Five:** More Show, Don't Tell

**Week Six:** Building Power Sentences I

- A. Choosing Vivid Verbs
- B. Using Synonyms

**Week Seven:** Building Power Sentences II

- A. Different Lengths
- B. Different Beginnings

**Week Eight:** Super Sentence Activities