

## Mechanics of Writing

Welcome to Mechanics of Writing! I absolutely love teaching writing and one of my favorite things to see is the evolution of students saying they cannot write to seeing them write well!

This is an academic class and there will be weekly homework, quizzes, and tests throughout the semester. Assignments will be posted as soon as possible (hopefully no later than Friday evening) on my website ([www.rowereads.com](http://www.rowereads.com)). Instructional links, practice activities, and weekly quizzes will be linked there as well.

Each week, we will dive deeper into several language skills, including, but not limited to: grammar, spelling, mechanics, vocabulary, and writing. We will practice these skills in class and record the information in our grammar notebooks.

Grammar notebooks will be a wealth of information about the language skills we will be learning. I will provide the notebook and the materials we use to fill the notebook. However, students must be responsible and bring the notebook from home to class each week. If students do not have the notebook, they cannot add the new language skills instruction, which will assist them in their weekly homework and quizzes. Please make every effort to ensure that the notebooks make it back to class each week!

Students should also have the following supplies each week:

- A pencil with an eraser
- A backup pencil
- Post it notes
- Glue stick (no liquid please--it doesn't dry in time)
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils

On the back you will find a tentative schedule for our coursework. This schedule is subject to change according to student need and the abilities of the class. This class covers several grade levels, so I want to ensure that I am addressing everyone's needs. We will start the first semester with the building blocks of great writing. In the second semester of this course, we will spend more time applying these to lengthier writing activities both in and out of class.

Feel free to reach me anytime through email ([katie@rowereads.com](mailto:katie@rowereads.com)). I teach a full day at TC, so sometimes it is very difficult to catch me in the hallways. The best way to reach me is through email.

I am looking forward to working with your writers this year and I can't wait to see how much they learn!

Dr. Rowe

### Mechanics of Writing Schedule

Date	In-Class Language Skills
8/12	Ice Breakers and Writing Sample
8/19	Nouns & Mentor Sentences
8/26	Abstract Nouns, Vague Pronouns
9/2	Verb Tenses, Infinitives
9/9	Verb Tenses, Progressive
9/16	Subjects/Predicates, Fragments, Run-Ons
9/23	Sentence Types
9/30	Sentence Types
10/7	Sentence Types
10/14	FALL BREAK
10/21	Revisit Fragments, Run-Ons, Sentence Types
10/28	Commonly Confused Words
11/4	Commas in a series
11/11	Prepositional Phrases
11/18	Prepositional Phrases vs. Infinitives
12/2	Review
12/9	Review-Last Day of Class

For explicit and specific assignments, please visit Dr. Rowe's website.