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Language Arts 101 - A Crash Course

As a middle school teacher in the Denver Public Schools for seventeen years, I developed a basic, essential knowledge base for my students to attain before heading into high school. Many of these skills and nuggets of basic knowledge are learned much earlier than seventh and eighth grades but are missed by many students. Communication, grammar, literature, reading, spelling, vocabulary and writing are often not succinctly taught or mastered. Parents, care takers, and teachers will be given the “basics” in these areas together with simple mnemonics (memory tricks) which they can pass on to their young students. These could be presented as one “overview” of the language arts curriculum or as a series of several meetings covering the basics of each aspect of the course in subsequent meetings. Any of the above may also be taught in small tutoring groups to current students. Example: learning to “parse” sentence structure ensures grammar knowledge is permanent. References are available from former students, parents of students, and administrators as to the efficacy of these tools.

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Vocabulary

Writing

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