



Welcome Kit

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# Welcome!

As a member of the Literacy Journeys family, your child's success, confidence, and joy in learning are my top priorities. Our small groups are called Kid Communities because learning groups should be fun, a bit of a challenge, and a safe place to grow together.

Offering you the best "a la carte" services helps you continue to create the educational experiences important to you, supporting the educational path that is **best** for *your family*.

In this guide you will find:

- what to expect
- frequently asked questions
- ways to earn FREE classes

Please review this guide carefully, and let me know if any other questions come up. Make sure you have completed the *Learner Profile* before classes begin, and I'll see you soon!

With love and learning,

Jee Kohlenberg



### **What will classes be like?**

Each class session will have a core skill/strategy and practice with that skill. The class will consist of the target lesson, practice and application, and creating of support materials that can be referenced at a later time (such as a spelling guide). Classes will be relaxed and fun, while still focusing on learning!

### **Do I need to stay with my child?**

You can stay if that makes you feel more comfortable, but many parents drop their children off for class. At the Blue Mountain location there is a large waiting room, and at the Kenilworth Inn there is a large lobby with numerous couches and chairs to choose from.

### **How can I find out how my child is doing?**

I am available for a few minutes after every class to answer brief questions. The best way to see what your child is learning is to ask your child to show you and share what they learned in class! Together, you can discuss ways to use that learning in your child's day-to-day life. 😊

### **How long will each class be?**

Classes will be approximately 50 minutes each, to allow for questions and brief conversations with parents afterwards. While I try not to, sometimes we run a bit "over" if we are really into the lesson or wrapping up an activity!

### **Will there be homework?**

There will usually not be required homework, except when stated on the class descriptions I encourage all families to look at the lessons covered that week, and see how they can enhance the learning based on their own homeschooling philosophies. You are already experts at using resources in the way that best supports your family! If your family is interested in practice materials and more "homework" related activities, I offer low-cost support materials for families who are interested called the "Smarty Pants Support Kit", which is now included in the Word Wizards and Boot Camp classes.

### What is the payment policy?

Payment for class is due at the beginning of each month. Payments can be made via cash, check (made out to "Jill Kohlenberg"), or via Pay Pal link on the website. I also have a card reader on my phone, if you need to pay with a credit card. These options will be at the bottom of your invoice that will be sent via email every month.

### What happens if we have to miss a class?

Class fees are nonrefundable. One make-up class session will be held at the end of the session period (for example, at the end of a 3 month class period). Any children who miss a class are welcome to attend the make-up session. ☺

### UPDATE: WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

We will follow the Buncombe County Schools closings. If a class is cancelled, it will first be rescheduled the same day and time the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### How can we get the most out of the classes?

Every family is different, and so are their learning philosophies! I have set up the Kid Communities groups to support the wide variety of educational needs that homeschooling families have. Each class session will have a core skill/strategy and practice with that skill.

This may be enough for families who simply want their child exposed to instruction in the subject. **However, remember we are only meeting once a week!** Children who go home and apply the skills into independent learning situations will retain the information better. Practice makes it "stick"! ☺ These classes are meant to support, not replace, your homeschooling.

Some families want to maximize their child's learning experience through one of our Support Packages. These packages have follow-up activities and resources to use at home that support each week's lessons.

NOTE: These packages are now included in the tuition for Word Wizards and Boot Camp classe!

### What if my child is struggling?

Classes are not set up by "grades", so you will be able to choose the class that offers the best "next steps" in your child's learning. Looking at the class descriptions, you can choose the class that would be a "stretch" and not a "struggle". Classes are multi-age and can be attended by any children who would benefit from learning the skills and the strategies based on the curriculum in that class. I can offer suggestions to support your family, but usually parents can select a group that is "just right".

# share with a friend

## You could earn free classes!

Thank you for sharing all of the wonderful things we have going on at Literacy Journeys!

Will you please let other families know about our Kid Communities and private tutoring that's available? This may be the solution that your friends have been looking for!

You will earn **a free class session** or credit towards **one private tutoring session** when you refer a new family and they sign up. 😊

So make sure your friends mention that YOU referred them!

thank you for sharing

*Let's keep in touch!*

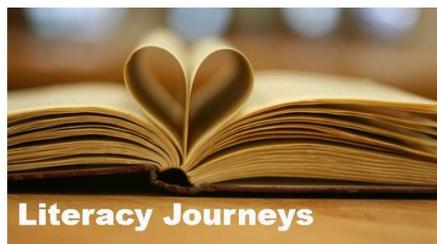
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