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I graduated from the University of Oshkosh with a bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education and English. I did my student teaching at Merrill Middle School in Oshkosh then moved down to Florida, where I became a substitute in Tallahassee. I got my first teaching job here at Boca Middle School in 2010. My favorite place to vacation is Key West, Florida and I also love to visit my family in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, where I grew up. I love to collect snow-globes and seashells. My favorite sports are football, basketball, and baseball, but I love to bowl and swim.

OPEN HOUSE

Monday: August 27 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Tuesday: August 28 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Please come and meet me and explore the middle school.

**Biography of Myself**

**Class Introduction**

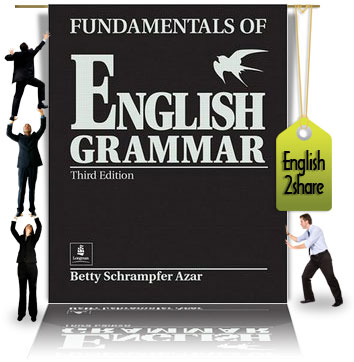
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Hello, students and parents! I hope everyone had an exciting summer and is ready to start a new school year. This year the students will be exploring poetry and writing their own poems, reading enriching books, doing oral presentations, and improving their vocabulary. I want our class to be fun and enjoyable, while learning at the same time. I am really excited for the new school year to start and even more excited to meet all of you! I have high expectations for our class and I know the students can do it. They need to keep up with their readings, and study a lot outside of school to keep up the skills they will learn. As a teacher I will make sure everyone is learning to his or her best ability by teaching in several different styles.

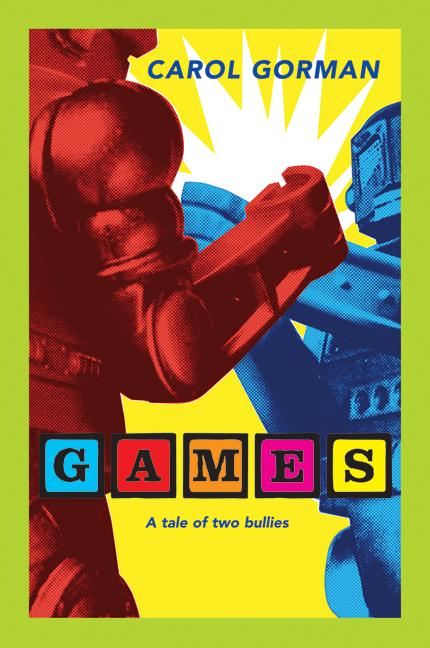


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**Poetry**

Another unit of study our class will be doing is poetry, which is also one of my favorite topics. This unit will let our class explore all different types of poets from Emily Dickens to Walt Whitman. During this unit the students will be doing a project. They will research any poet that we did not talk about in class and then present to the class. This gives the students a chance to practice their presentation skills and show the class what they learned about their poet. Another little project the class will be doing together is making their own book of poems. They will keep all their poems and then create a little book. After completing their individual books they will pick one poem to put in the class poem book. The class will be learning all different types of poems in this unit, such as, rhyme poems, autobiographical poems, haiku poems, free verse poems, and many more.



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**Grammar**

The first unit of study that our class will do is grammar. The students will first review everything they learned in past grades and then they will learn parts of speech, subject verb agreement, nouns and verbs, commas, and much more. We will be doing practice quizzes along with grammar quizzes on Fridays. I want to make grammar fun, so I have fun grammar games, a grammar project, and worksheets for the students. This will be our first unit because it will guide us through the rest of the year’s writings.

**First Novel**

One book that our class will be reading this year is Games: A Tale of Two Bullies, by Carol Gorman. This book is about two boys who are enemies in school. The principal punishes them by making them hang out together for a week. The students will have to see what happens after that. The class will have reading quizzes on what they read, will find symbolism in the book,

and have group discussions.

After reading the book the

students will have a group

project.