

**Center for Talent Development
Northwestern University
Course Syllabus**

Program Enrichment Grades 3-8

Course Title:

- a. Grammar Island: Introduction to Advanced Grammar, Grades 3-4

Course Description:

Grammar is a subject that is encumbered with false stereotypes of tedium. Elementary students embrace this introduction to all four levels of traditional grammar, including parts of speech, parts of sentences, phrases and clauses. Writing skills improve as students internalize grammatical content. The emphasis will be on the thrill and power of grammar, along with the excitement of understanding how we think and communicate.

Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

- a. Be able to identify all eight parts of speech.
- b. Understand how parts of speech interact in a system.
- c. Be able to identify basic parts of sentence.
- d. Be able to identify prepositional phrases.
- e. Understand the basic concept of a clause, and understand how two independent clauses combine into a compound sentence.

Resources and Materials:

- a. Thompson, Michael. *Grammar island*, published by Royal Fireworks Press.
- b. Official course syllabus.
- c. File: Grammar Island Assignments.

Student Evaluation and Grading Policies for Credit Courses Only:

Enrichment students will receive a final narrative evaluation when the course is complete.