

Engl 238 Children's Literature

Course Description: An introductory survey of different types of children's books up to Grade 6: Picture books, poetry, traditional and modern fantasy, realistic and historical fiction, informational books, and biography

Schedule: Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters

Delivery Method: Online. Students are not expected to come to the campus at any time.

Prerequisite Courses: None

Instructor: Faye Bernstein, e-mail: gatsby@srt.com

Textbook: Darrigan, Tunnell, & Jacobs. *Children's Literature: Engaging Teachers and Children in Good Books*. ISBN: 0-13-081355-9

Other materials: Required reading:

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Access to a library with an adequate collection of children's books is helpful. The books listed above can be checked out from a library or ordered from the bookstore.

Order by e-mail: bookcell@msub.nodak.edu

Course Objectives:

To gain an awareness of why we read

To learn what makes a good book

To appreciate and enjoy different types of literature

To learn to motivate children to read

To become familiar with contemporary authors and illustrators

To learn activities that help children enjoy reading

To appreciate the diversity of individual children in regard to reading

To benefit from the connections between technology and literature

To gain an awareness of books about nature and the environment

Work Expectations: Students will:

- Complete weekly lessons during the 16 weeks of this course.
- Read a chapter a week for 15 weeks and take a quiz on each chapter.
- Answer an essay question for each of the first 11 chapters.
- Do Open Book Quizzes for Chapters 12-15.
- Write 3 Essays (Weeks 3, 6, and 13).
- Complete all assignments by the dates listed.