

Subject: Glimpse of the Virtual English Classes at Advance Academy's 2020 Summer Camp

Dear parents and students,

We have had a successful start to summer classes in Session I at Advance Academy. AA's mission this summer is clear – bring students a comprehensive and rich curriculum with top notch faculty and first-class instruction.

Even with the continuing epidemic situation, AA students are enjoying courses taught in real-time online on the Zoom platform and Google Classrooms. All of AA's highly recognized teachers have carefully prepared lessons and fully utilized the powerful teaching tools available on software platforms.

Our online classes have also lightened the burden for parents as they plan activities to occupy for their children for the summer. For our students, AA's summer camp classes have allowed them to be productive in a comfortable indoor environment for a long summer without worrying about the transition and disruption of life. They concentrated on the virtual classroom, and completed and submitted homework easily after class.

The following are screenshots of some wonderful English classrooms:



High School English Literary Analysis - Lead English teacher **Mr. Seckman** has received a bachelor's degree and Master's degree in English from Rice University. Since 1998 he has worked at one of Houston's most prestigious private schools St. John's School, teaching various levels of high-school English, serving as an Admissions Committee member.



Middle School English Sharpening Writing and Grammar Skills - Lead English teacher **Mr. Saltzman** begins his thirty-six year as an English teacher. After tenure as English Teacher and Department Chair at the Old Farms School in Avon, Connecticut, in 1990 he moved with his wife, Nina, to Houston, where he worked for seventeen years as an English teacher and college counselor at St. John's School. He has been teaching at Advance Academy since its inception in 2005, leading language arts classes for middle and high school students and college application counseling.



SAT/ACT and Duke TIP Verbal – Lead English teacher **Ms. Nys** has been an accomplished English teacher for twenty-five years. She has helped two school districts significantly raise their standardized writing scores by showing students special techniques that make their writing appealing to professionals. She has also mentored over fifty students who went on to win prestigious recognition in writing including keys in the Scholastic Writing Competition and national publication in sources like *Cicada* and *Chicken*

Soup for the Teenage Soul. Ms. Nys is one of the co-founders of the Houston Women Writers Cooperative and the sponsor for Kerr High School's student writing organization: The Writers' Table. She has been a participant in the Iowa Summer Writing Festival, Houston's Monday Night Writers, and the Algonkian Writing Workshop.



Upper Elementary English Writing and Grammar - Ms. Giri is an English Language Arts teacher and published writer whose passion for the English language has consistently engaged and inspired her students over the years. Her creative instructional agenda, effective reading and writing workshops, encouraging manner, and holistic approach to imparting knowledge, make her classroom an energizing educational experience. Teaching is her calling, and she has an exemplary track record of understanding and meeting the needs of her students. She has been the recipient of many awards and recognitions including the University of Houston's Friends of Women's Studies Fifty Most Influential Women in Houston for 2010, and Houston Mayor Lee Brown's Asian Women in Media 2002 – Beauty, Brains, and Power.



Upper Elementary English Writing and Grammar - Ms. Keiter has over 40 years of teaching experience specializing in Reading and English Language for Grade K-8. She loves to challenge her students to be the best they can be. Her certifications include: Bachelor of Science for Elementary Students K-8; Master of Science in Education; Gifted and Talented; Primary years IB.

Online registration for the Session II (starting on July 6) is still open. Please go to the official website of Advance Academy for more information at www.AdvanceAcademyHouston.com, or call 713-777-1688 for details.

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