

8th Grade English

1st Quarter

In the first quarter, students will receive an overview of all 8 Parts of Speech. They will be able to name them using the Grammar Song and give several word examples. An in-depth study of nouns and adjectives will be covered and modeled in sentence diagramming. The parts of speech and vocabulary words from the first 3 units of the Vocabulary Workshop series will be identified and incorporated into the Personal Narrative and Business Letter writing assignments. For each vocabulary unit there is a fun, word-application project. Students will enter the Fall Young Pegasus and Creative Communication writing contests.

2nd Quarter

In the second quarter, students will build on their sentence diagramming practice while covering pronouns, verbs, and adverbs. An emphasis on action verbs and linking verbs will enable them to identify direct objects and subject complements. Using nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives and the vocabulary words from Units 4 – 7, the students will create their compare and contrast research paper based on their high school visits. The students will take a midterm exam over the contents of the first two quarters.

3rd Quarter

During the third quarter, the students will be introduced to prepositions, conjunctions, interjections, and verbals. The identification and usage of these will be modeled through sentence diagramming. Vocabulary Units 8 - 11 will be learned and the words will be used in the expository and poetry entries for the Catholic Daughter's Writing Contest. The students will create a book portfolio through Studenttreasures Publishing using all written stories, a final memory poem and thank you letter.

4th Quarter

During the fourth quarter, the students will learn about clauses and review all 8 Parts of Speech. The students will be able to identify and use the 8 parts of speech and the sentence diagramming component in their final project: a grammar video or a grammar PowerPoint presentation. The final vocabulary Units 12 – 15 will be completed. The students will take a final exam over the contents of the entire year.