

Happy New Year

A Fresh Start in January 2024,

As usual, December was a wild ride for a lot of us. For most people, the holidays are a time to focus on friends and family. This probably means a few weeks with no scheduled lessons. Now, with the holiday season at an end, it's time to start back up...hopefully with batteries fully charged. With that in mind, as we start to resume our meetings, it's always a good idea to reach out to confirm your lesson locations and times. I'm sure that your learners are eager to share their holiday memories with you, and I know that for many of us, that's what it's all about.

Please Enter Your Tutoring Prep/Class Hours

Please enter your prep hours and tutoring hours in the <u>Monthly Tutor Report form</u>. If you were unable to meet with your learner, simply enter "0" hours in the form.

Tutor Training Reminder,

Spots are still available for Wisconsin Literacy's Tutor Training Sessions. Please click <u>here</u> for more information and to register.

- 1. Getting Started Thursday, January 11 (9:30-11:30am)
- 2. ELL Part 1 Thursday, January 18 (9:30-11:30am)
- 3. ELL Part 2 Thursday, January 25 (9:30-11:30am)
- 4. ELL Part 3 Thursday, February 1 (9:30-11:30am)

Featured Resource

AE American English: This month I'd like to highlight an old resource that has recently had an upgrade. AE American English is a site made available by the US Department of State. It offers everything from leveled reading material to song and games. It also offers online teacher training for those who are interested in a fresh perspective.

Transparent Language: I am particularly excited about this online English learning program. First, it is completely free to everyone who has a library card from most branches belonging to the South Central Wisconsin Library System. One big advantage of this program is that it gives written directions to activities and side by side instruction in the learners native language. It also offers pronunciation practice, recording the learners as they repeat words or phrases. It is intuitive and comprehensive. You can also save/print lessons by subject. For anyone who is interested in using this program but would like to know more first, please call me at the number below.

Thank you for your time and commitment to your learners *Joe Schauer- Director*

Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, ideas, opportunities, or requests.

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