**Welcome to Level 5**

**Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Teacher: Zoe Morosini Room 118

Congratulations for making it to Level 5!

This is the highest class in SCALE’s ELL program.

In Level 5, we will cover the following subjects:

* Reading – *The particular focus of this class is to increase your reading speed and comprehension in preparation for the TABE reading test.*
* Grammar – We will review and strengthen grammar you’ve already learned, and we will learn some new grammar.
* Conversation
* Writing
* Vocabulary and idioms
* Pronunciation, with particular focus on word and sentence stress
* Work in the computer lab using reading/writing/grammar websites and instructional software
* Topics in Health and Civics

Expectations:

*Read in English outside of class.* This is the most important thing you can do to help your progress at this level. Read in English as much as possible: magazines, newspapers, news websites, as well as longer fiction and non-fiction texts.

Come to every class and be ON TIME, by 6pm, so that class can begin promptly.

Work cooperatively and respect your classmates.

Speak English mostly, if not exclusively in class. Speaking other languages too often in class will slow your progress in English.

Do all of your homework. In order to make progress, you *must* study outside of class. Study vocabulary cards during your lunch break! Do grammar exercises to help you fall asleep! Re-read the parts of the assigned novel we have discussed in class to refresh your understanding.

To go on to ABE classes, you must:

* Score a 6 or higher on a formal reading test

Assessments

* I will assess your progress by looking at homework, quizzes and tests, and in-class work in all areas -- especially reading and writing.
* Understand that *not all your work will be assessed for grammar accuracy*. Sometimes I will be giving feedback only on fluency or other skills.
* Two or three times during the year, you will take the TABE reading test to show your progress in English. This is required by our funder, DESE.
* At the middle and end of the cycle, I will give you a progress report for you to fill out. You and I will look at the report together to see if we agree on your progress and to decide on what skills are important for you to focus on.

Placement

You can be in a level for no more than two cycles.

* At the end of your first cycle, if you have passed the tests, you will graduate from the ELL program. You may decide to go to a Reading/Writing class in the ABE department here at SCALE. Please be aware that there might be a waiting list, so you might not be able to start class right away.
* If you need more practice with the skills required in Level 5, you will repeat this level. *Most students will repeat the class.* Repeating gives you a chance to practice more and make your English stronger before going on.
* If you have already repeated this level, you cannot repeat again. If you are not ready for an ABE Reading/Writing class at the end of this cycle, you will graduate from the ELL program. If you are interested in continuing to study English, the counselor will help you to look for a class in another program.

Talk with me

This class is for you. It is important that you are happy, comfortable, curious, learning and growing. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions for class, please talk to me. I want to hear from you!