Giggles in the Middle

Caught'ya! Grammar with a Giggle for Middle School

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What is Giggles in the Middle?

- Giggles in the Middle is a fun way to learn grammar without using the grammar book!
Materials

- Composition Notebook
  - A Side: Grammar Notes
  - B Side: Freewrites
- Pencil or blue/black pen
- Red pen for correcting
- Giggles in the Middle worksheet
  - Keep folded in your composition notebook
Composition Notebook

“A” Side of Notebook
• Table of Contents
  - Record all entries
• Record grammar notes

“B” Side of Notebook
• Record Freewrite topic
• Record Date (Example: September 1, 2010)
• Respond to Freewrite topic using complete sentences and correct grammar!
What does Giggles in the Middle look like?

1. Tedious _______________________________________________________________________
2. Nested _______________________________________________________________________
3. Verdant _______________________________________________________________________

horribly hard middle school did not look much different from their elementary school which was nearby in their town of tedious california. a big one-story brick building set nestled among large trees and a verdant lawn and a small city of white portables dotted the field behind the school like white lily pads in a green pond

Skills: Underline the simile and circle all adjectives.
Freewrite topic: Middle School
Directions

• Read vocabulary words and sentences.
• Use context clues from the sentences to make inferences about the definitions of the vocabulary words.
• Record inferences on the lines.
• Correct sentences.
• Record date and complete freewrite in your notebook.
Sample Edited Sentences

6. Date: September 4, 2010

mane long hair
portal entrance

"at least you have some magic, even if it always screws up isabelle ingenuous reminded her friend as she twirled the purple butterfly that perched in her mane of auburn hair and the rest of us cant even open a classroom portal she concluded.

Skills: Identify the homophone in the sentence and circle all pronouns.
Freewrite: magic

• Do all your corrections in blue ink, black ink, or pencil.
• Any corrections that you miss must be corrected in red pen when we correct as a class.
• Write the number of errors in the margin.
What should I do if I’m stuck?

1. Look in your Grammar Notes
2. Quietly ask a neighbor
3. Raise your hand

Note: You must look in your Grammar Notes before raising your hand and asking for help.
How will I be graded?

• Each Giggles in the Middle worksheet is worth between 24-30 points

• I will randomly choose 1 sentence to grade.

• I will deduct 1-2 points for every error that is not corrected on your worksheet.

• You must date all notebook entries (Freewrites and notes).