



Creative Writing Camps

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Young Writers Camp

W5 June 24-28 Afternoons - for Elementary students (3rd-5th graders)

The half-day Young Writers Camp allows young writers to explore a variety of genres and topics throughout the week. Young Writers Camp workshops help young writers explore their own ideas through writing. Students will leave each workshop with confidence in their voice, and anticipation about the stories they have yet to write. During this lively week of camp, students will fill personal journals with their story ideas, illustrations, and prose.

Day 1: Finding Inspiration

Come join us as we use a wide assortment of inspirations to spark new ideas for writing! In this workshop, we will draw inspiration from art, nature, music, and even each other. Students will be introduced to techniques for improving their writing, featuring the creation of ideas for stories.

Day 2: Discovering Genres

The key to this workshop is to discover new fictional worlds as we create fresh stories. It's time to explore various types of genres through writing. The emphasis is on exploring new ideas and having fun writing in new genres from mysteries to fairy tales. Students will discover techniques to enhance their writing by discussing plot development.

Day 3: Adventures in Visual Storytelling

Do you take photos whenever you can? Do you love reading graphic novels? This workshop focuses on creating a visual component to your stories or even telling a story strictly through visuals. If you are a novice artist, do not fear, there will be many options available for all levels of writers and visual artists. Students will integrate exercises concerning imagery into their narratives.

Day 4: Science Fiction and Fantasy Writing

Robots? Time travel? Wizards? Oh, my! Whether you like writing about space travel, or prefer flying on the back of a dragon, you will find inspiration in this workshop. We'll experiment with far-fetched and fantastical characters, plots, and settings. Students will be introduced to two techniques, "showing, not telling" and "world building," to improve their writing.

Day 5: Beginnings, Middles, and Ends

"Once upon a time" and "Happily Ever After" are not the only way to begin and end a story. Writers create beginnings, middles, and ends that go all sorts of places. In this workshop, students will try out fun tools they can use to make their writing even better.

Creative Writers Camp

W7 July 8-12 Mornings - for middle & high school students (6th graders and up)

The half-day Creative Writers Camp allows novice creative writers to explore a variety of genres, writing styles, and topics throughout the week. Creative Writers Camp designs writing workshops to help writers discover the tools to help them explore their own ideas through writing. Students will leave each workshop with more confidence in their language, trust in their voice, and happy anticipation about the stories they have yet to write. Students will be creating a collection of story ideas during the week to take away with them as they continue their journeys as writers.

Day 1: Finding Inspiration

Have you ever come across something and thought, there's a story there? If so, come join us as we use a wild assortment of inspirations to spark new ideas for writing. We will draw inspiration from art, nature, music, books, newspapers, magazines, poetry, and even each other. Students will be introduced to techniques for improving their writing, featuring the creation of ideas for stories.

Day 2: Discovering Genres

Have you ever considered the language of a mystery, a fantasy, or even, an action-adventure story? The key to this workshop is to discover the methods in which genre defines a story and vice-versa. It's time to explore the various types of genres through writing. The emphasis is on exploring new ideas, taking risks in writing, and having fun writing in new genres from mysteries to fairy tales. Students will discover techniques to enhance their writing by discussing plot and character development.

Day 3: Visual Storytelling

Do you take photos whenever you can? Do you love reading graphic novels? Do pictures spark your creativity? Join this workshop to create a visual component to your stories or even to tell a story strictly through visuals. If you are a novice artist, do not fear—there will be many options available for all levels of writers and visual artists. Students will integrate exercises of imagery and diction into their narratives.

Day 4: Beginnings, Middles, and Ends

"Once upon a time" and "Happily Ever After" are not the only way to begin and end a story. Writers write beginnings, middle, and ends that go all sorts of places. In this workshop, we will practice a variety of tools you can use to make your writing even better. Students will experiment with a variety of techniques to enhance their writing, including the arrangement of outlines and story structure.

Day 5: Finding your Niche

Do you have a knack for creating new worlds, or complicated mysteries? This workshop explores a variety of creative writing exercises to develop and express your ideas and interests as we try our hand at flash fiction. Students will practice the writing tools and techniques discussed throughout the week.