

Name of the Class: Writing Workshop

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Teacher's Bio:

I have taught Writing Workshop for the last five years. I have coached First Lego League for more than 15 years and have taught robotics classes for more than ten years. I am a certified teacher K-8. In my free time, I enjoy quilting, hiking, and camping.

Course Location and Time: 1830 South 3rd Street, Niles, MI 49120 (Although the address is on 3rd Street, which is just south of US 12, the building is on a little road called Symonds. It is the Bell Education Center Building, and we meet in the gym. Please use the kitchen door on the south side of the building to enter.)

Course Description: We will study the way published writers write. We will look at patterns they use, vocabulary usage, font, and breaking the "rules" of writing. We will do a daily warm-up, will have a discussion, and will spend time writing like the author. Students will be expected to do some writing at home each week. At the end of the semester, students will each pick their favorite two or three pieces to have published in a Class Anthology.

**Please have students bring a three ring binder with loose paper, a composition notebook, pencils/pens and colored pencils.

Course Outline: Although the theme for each class will stay the same, different authors and books will be used at the appropriate level for each individual group. (1-3;4-6;7+)

Week 1: Pretest. Writer's notebook. Heart map writing.

Week 2: Quick write. SeeSaw writing.

Week 3: Quick write. Train Story

Week 4: Quick write. Finish/begin editing Train Story. Sentence beginnings.

Week 5: Quick write. Circular story.

Week 6: Quick write. Edit train story - adding descriptive language.

Week 7: Quick write. Six word memoirs. Encyclopedia writing.

Week 8: Quick write. Using different font to emphasize a point.

Week 9: Quick write. Poetry introduction

Week 10: Quick write. Poetry

Week 11: Quick write. Poetry

Week 12: Quick write. Poetry.

Week 13: Two pieces due for Anthology.

Week 14: Post-test. Wrap up and small celebration!

Weather policy: If the Niles/Brandywine schools close, we will not have class. If this is an afternoon class and the weather gets worse during the day, I may choose to cancel class to keep your children safe. I will email when class is cancelled and will ask for you to reply so I know you have seen it. If I do not hear from you, I will call or will text to try to reach you. Please check your email and make sure that I have current information of the best way to reach you. If we miss more than one day during the semester, we will have a makeup class at the end of the semester.

Virtual Links: Suggestions will be made based on the student's need or group's need

Pre/Post Evaluations: A pretest will be done during the first class, and a post test will be done during the last class.

Grading: Grades will be pass/fail and will be determined in the following manner: instructor's input (Teacher will assign her recommended grade based on the following scale below:

4 - above target/expectations

3 - on target/expectations

2 - below target/expectations

1 - off target/expectations

Attendance:

You are required to attend at least 80% of the dates and times that your course meets. The other 10% of your overall grade will be calculated based on your attendance.