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We are now accepting registrations for our

Summer Creative Writing Workshops!

"To be creative means to connect. It's to abolish the gap between the body, the mind and the soul, between science and art, between fiction and nonfiction."

- Nawal El Saadawi

Class may be out, but the learning doesn't have to stop! Summer break is an excellent opportunity for students to try their hand at new forms of written expression. **A creative approach provides a refreshing break from academia while allowing students to continue building and honing their literary skills, exploring new writing techniques, styles, and perspectives along the way.**

The benefits of creativity extend far beyond the classroom. In Miss Mary's words:

Teaching kids to CREATE and lifting up their spirits in this way can truly change the course of their lives AND their mindsets.

They—like us—are always having to DO. The idea of not only doing, but creating, can be inspiring.

In these summer workshops, we will explore various genres and guide students through various stages of drafting and revision.



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Workshop Sessions:

Week 1: "How to Write Short:" Short Story Workshops—July 3-8

Week 2: "Awakening the Heart:" Poetry Workshops—July 10-15

Week 3: "Writing Reality:" Nonfiction & Journalism Workshops—July 17-22

Week 4: "Sharing Your Story:" Personal Essay Workshops—July 24-29

These writing workshops will be held 3-6pm Monday-Friday, with an optional share party and family & friends-attended reading on Saturdays from 2-4pm or 3-5pm (time TBD depending on family preference). **Students may sign up for all 4 weeks (the entire month) or just choose the genres they like most and sign up for those weeks.**

Each Saturday Share will have a dual purpose:

- A) to showcase the creative work of each child
- B) to serve as an Open House of sorts for our families to meet one another and discuss all topics academic and otherwise. :)

Refreshments will be provided!

If interested, please email Miss Mary with your preferred time for our Saturday Shares. We want to accommodate our numerous families who attend Chinese School, Korean School, and countless other Saturday activities.

Students ages 8-18 are welcome to apply. We will structure the classes according to enrollment and utilize various learning spaces to optimize each workshop experience. If our Creative Writing workshops fill up quickly as we imagine they will, we will run another series in August!



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Writers on writing (creatively!)

"For me, poetry is the music of being human. And also a time machine by which we can travel to who we are and to who we will become."

— Carol Ann Duffy

"A short story is the ultimate close-up magic trick – a couple of thousand words to take you around the universe or break your heart."

— Neil Gaiman

"I love short stories because I believe they are the way we live. They are what our friends tell us, in their pain and joy, their passion and rage, their yearning and their cry against injustice. "

— Andre Dubus

"What makes an essay personal is that there is something at stake for the person telling you the story."

— Scott Russell Sanders

"Words are a lens to focus one's mind."

— Ayn Rand

"If your daily life seems poor, do not blame it; blame yourself, tell yourself that you are not poet enough to call forth its riches; for to the creator there is no poverty and no poor indifferent place."

— Rainer Maria Rilke, Letters to a Young Poet