

Excellence in Creative Writing for

Middle School

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Class Time: Mondays 10:30am - 12:00pm

Level: 6th-8th grades – elective class (1 hr)

Class Fee: \$45/mo

Supply Fee: \$15/year

Excellence in Writing takes much of the stress out of writing, particularly for the reluctant writer.

- Does your student stare at the blank paper, not knowing where to start?
- Does she write and erase repeatedly, spend hours trying to improve the quality of her writing, or dread the writing process?
- Does your student like to write but doesn't know how to make his sentences more mature?

Excellence in Writing has solutions to help overcome many of the issues that plague the student writer.

Writing should be Fun! **Excellence in Creative Writing for Middle School** will give students the tools for not only WHAT to write, but also HOW to write in a way that is organized and stylish. This system of writing stresses modeling and builds specific skills that will make immediate improvements to students' writing. The focus of this course is **creative writing** using the Institute for Excellence in Writing's proven techniques. Some of the topics included are the following: narrative structure, point of view, consistent tense, antagonist, protagonist, hooks, dialogue, and conflict. For the beginning writer, this is a great place to start. For the already enthusiastic writer (even one who has taken an IEW Student Writing Intensive course) the course will add to their skill "toolbox," helping them fine tune and hone their skills, learning important aspects of structure and style along the way.

Curriculum – Supplied by teacher: They will come in pdf files I will email to parents at the beginning of the year to get printed. There is no need to purchase anything.

- **Story Quest and Student Resource Notebook**
- Publisher for both: Institute for Excellence in Writing

Supply List: 3-ring binder with 5 dividers, thesaurus (preferably electronic), paper, pen, and highlighter.