

SUMMER CAMP 2026 / CURRICULUM 2 OF 5

Creative Writing

- Summer Camp 2026 Creative Writing Curriculum
- Theme:Voices that Matter: Writing for Expression and Impact
- Focus: Creative storytelling, poetic technique, personal expression, and performance confidence

Core Skills Students Will Learn

- Creative writing and narrative structure
- Poetry forms and literary devices
- Sensory description and imagery
- Character development and emotional nuance
- Peer feedback and constructive critique
- Oral presentation and performance
- Expressive speaking and stage presence
- Writing for impact, identity, and advocacy

Day 1 | Finding Your Voice: Creative Writing Foundations

- Fun icebreakers and storytelling warm-ups (e.g., Story Dice, One-Word-at-a-Time Game)
- What is creative writing? Exploring genres and forms
- Introduction to narrative writing: setting, characters, conflict
- Launching into writing with writing prompts
- Take-home: Begin short story or poem draft

Day 2 | Playing with Poetry

- What is poetry? Exploring rhythm, sound, and free verse
- Introduce poetic forms: haiku, acrostic, free verse, spoken word
- Literary devices: simile, metaphor, personification, alliteration
- Poetry writing lab: write a poem about a memory, emotion, or identity
- Take-home: Refine poem for performance or illustration

Day 3 | Writing with Heart: Emotions & Empathy

- Exploring the role of empathy in storytelling
- Writing from different perspectives (e.g., “If I were a tree,” “A letter to my future self”)
- Group writing games: Build-a-story, emotion switching, dramatic dialogue
- Mini-workshop: giving and receiving peer feedback
- Take-home: Revise story or poem to deepen emotion and meaning

Day 4 | Performance & Presence: Speaking Your Words Aloud

- Public speaking basics for writers: voice, pacing, presence
- Body language, eye contact, and vocal variation for poetry and story reading
- Practice performances with peer feedback
- Visual & verbal storytelling: create a zine, poster, or slide to accompany their piece
- Take-home: Final script or annotated performance piece

Day 5 | Final Showcase: Poetry & Prose Performance

- Rehearsal and warm-up exercises (movement, breathing, focus)
- Final performances of poems or stories in a celebration setting
- Optional multimedia sharing (illustrated pages, digital slides)
- Student reflection circle: “What I learned about myself as a writer”
- Take-home: Printed or digital portfolio of their writing + performance video (optional)

What Parents Can Expect

- By the end of the week, your child will have:
- Written original poems and/or short stories
- Shared their writing with confidence and expression
- Practiced empathy, imagination, and artistic voice
- Created a creative writing portfolio (print or digital) to keep and share
- Built lifelong skills in communication, self-reflection, and creative problem-solving