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Writing Adventure

Students develop voice, craft, and confidence across narrative, argumentative, and explanatory writing, building skills for more demanding academic work.

Develop Narrative Craft

Students make purposeful choices that shape the reading experience.

Narrative Structure	Develop characters, conflict, pacing, and a coherent story arc in fictional and personal narratives.
Voice and Perspective	Shape a distinctive voice and examine how point of view influences what a reader understands.
Language and Style	Use dialogue, imagery, and literary techniques deliberately, balancing expression with clarity.

Build Evidence-Based Arguments

Students support a position through credible evidence and clear reasoning.

Claims and Reasoning	Develop a focused claim and explain how reasons and evidence support the argument.
Counterarguments	Consider opposing views and respond thoughtfully while avoiding unsupported claims and faulty reasoning.
Structure and Tone	Organize an argument with logical paragraphs, effective transitions, and a tone suited to its audience.

HOW STUDENTS LEARN

Sessions connect vocabulary and grammar with reading examples and writing workshops. Guided practice and discussion help students apply techniques to their own work.

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Students learn to evaluate sources, explain interpretations, and revise with purpose. The emphasis is on clear thinking and responsible use of evidence.

Research and Explain

Students investigate questions and communicate findings responsibly.

Research Questions	Narrow a topic, develop useful questions, and gather relevant information from multiple sources.
Source Literacy	Evaluate credibility, distinguish paraphrase from quotation, and credit sources using guided citation practices.
Explanatory Writing	Combine information into a clear explanation with a central idea, supporting details, and a meaningful conclusion.

Analyze and Refine

Students connect close reading with increasingly independent revision.

Literary Analysis	Explain how theme, character, structure, and language create meaning, supported by relevant textual evidence.
Comparing Texts	Examine similarities and differences in ideas, perspectives, or approaches across texts.
Revision and Editing	Revise organization and reasoning, improve sentence variety and word choice, and edit for grammar and punctuation.

THE WRITING PROCESS

Students plan, draft, seek feedback, and revise for meaning before editing for accuracy. Expectations grow with readiness, emphasizing independence and thoughtful choices.

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How to Support Your Student at Home

Ask about the idea behind the piece.

Invite your student to explain their main point, intended audience, and purpose. Questions about meaning can help them clarify a draft without taking over the writing.

Discuss evidence and sources.

When reading an article or discussing an opinion, ask what supports the claim and how trustworthy the source seems. Encourage curiosity about alternative explanations.

Encourage revision in stages.

Suggest reviewing ideas and organization before checking individual sentences. Give your student space to decide which feedback will strengthen their work.

Respect their voice and ownership.

Ask what kind of feedback would be useful and notice specific improvements. Encourage regular reading and writing while allowing your student to make the final choices.