

## **YOUNG WRITERS LAB** (Unlock Your Voice: July 27 – August 7)

Give your student the tools to master middle school writing. Our two-week intensive program is designed specifically for upcoming 5th–8th graders who want to sharpen their skills, gain confidence, and prepare for the academic year ahead.

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### **Program Details**

- **Dates:** July 27, 29, 31 & August 3, 5, 7
  - **Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
  - **Location:** SMS School room 119.
  - **Tuition:** \$180.00 per student
  - **Tech:** Chromebooks provided for use at home and in class
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### **Curriculum Focus**

#### **Week 1: The Building Blocks**

Master the mechanics of great writing. We move beyond simple sentences to help students craft sophisticated prose.

- **Sentence Architecture:** Understanding structure, variety, and flow.
- **Paragraph Power:** Learning how to transition from a single thought to a cohesive paragraph.
- **Digital Fluency:** All writing is practiced on Chromebooks to build modern typing and editing skills.


#### **Week 2: Evidence-Based Excellence**

Transition from creative thoughts to analytical arguments. We focus on responding to academic prompts with precision.


- **Prompt Breakdown:** Learning exactly what a question is asking.
  - **The PEE Method:** Mastering Point, Evidence, and Explanation.
  - **Contextual Evidence:** How to introduce quotes and facts smoothly into an essay.
  - **Feedback Loop:** Chromebooks stay with students so they can practice at home and receive direct instructor feedback the next day.
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## Registration & Inquiries

Ready to secure a spot? For more information or to register your student, please reach out to our program coordinator:

 **Mr. Jones**

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 **Deadline:** All entries must be submitted by **May 29, 2026**.

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## Why Join Us?

Middle school writing requires a shift from "telling a story" to "making an argument." Our program bridges that gap in a low-pressure, high-engagement environment. With individual feedback and a focus on evidence-based writing, your student will head into the new school year with a competitive edge.