

Writer Doodle: Novels and More !

Celebrating the serious fun of writing with hands on, fun experiments in words for 4th through 6th graders.

Wednesdays, 3:30 – 5:00

Become a better writer, a clearer thinker, even a published author!

What will you write?

Choose any project to work on in any session:

Short stories	Historical Fiction	Memoir	Movies
Picture books	Non-fiction	Poetry	Plays
Novels	Magazine articles	Screenplays	How to's
Flash fiction	Interviews	Biography	Recipes
Graphic novels	Personal essays	Song lyrics	Advertising

Experiment with how to say what you want to say and get your message out into the world. Learn skills to help you in your regular classwork. Publish your work if you want to. You might even put your story in the school library! There will be three sessions. See back for class dates and session themes. Sign up for any or all.

Instructor Christine Pinto is a NaNoWriMo (an author who has participated in National Novel Writing Month). She is a graduate of the University of Washington Certificate Program in Writing for Children and has taught novel writing at Highland Terrace Elementary School for the past two years.

Cost: \$100 per session

Parents/guardians of participating students will be asked to attend 1-2 (depending on number of class participants) classes to assist with student supervision.

To sign up or get more information, contact Christine Pinto at christinepinto@runbox.com or 206-546-5150.

Class size is limited. Registrations will be taken in the order received.

 See back for class dates and semester themes.

Fall: Ideas, Planning and Structure, October 1 - December 17 (No class October 8, or Nov 26)

- Try out creative exercises to generate ideas.
- Find your perfect mode of expression.
- Find the best structure for your project.
- Learn what to do when you get stuck.
- November is NaNoWriMo!
 - You can write a novel in just 30 days with National Novel Writing Month!

Winter: Making Words Work for You, January 7 - March 25 (No class on Jan 21)

- Choose the juiciest words to go from boring to awesome.
- Write memorable settings and vivid description.
- Create heroes your readers will never forget and villains they'll love to hate.
- Use character and plot development to keep focused on the story you want to tell.
- Write fabulous dialog.
- Learn basic editing techniques to make your story even more awesome.
- March is Chapter Book Month!
 - Would your story make a good chapter book?

Spring: Pictures, Polishing, Publishing and Performing, April 1 - June 10

- Add multimedia:
 - Pictures, sound, a great cover for your book, or a book trailer
- Make big picture revisions:
 - Learn how to know what you've got and what to do about it, moving things around, taking things out, and putting more in
- Collaborate with others
- Get feedback and use it wisely
- Explore options for publication
- April is Poetry Month!
 - Care to rhyme?

If financial hardship is a deciding factor for your family, please ask about the possibility of scholarships.