

Week Two  
Edition

# Young Author's NEWSLETTER



**Theme of the Week: Mother Nature: Stories about the Outdoors**

Thank you for sharing your young author with us this week! They produced a great deal of writing, as they have played with ideas and been introduced to new writing styles. In between, we have enjoyed time together exploring campus, swimming, playing word games, and making new friends.



We are excited to see what our authors dress up as each Friday, as we meet together to celebrate our growth as writers and share our creations. Every Friday campers are welcome to dress up in accordance with the week's theme! Each camper will be contributing a piece to our Young Authors Day Camp Anthology.





# Reminders!



## Week 3 Theme: Music



Week 3 Campers will dive into everything music! Writing songs, creating our own music characters, and more! There will continue to be a mix of heat and thunderstorms next week, so make sure we are dressing our campers appropriately! Water bottles and sun protection are a must. Also, we do **A TON** of walking at camp so please make sure we are wearing **CLOSED** toe shoes!



Week 3 also falls during the Fourth of July holiday, we want to remind parents

**THERE IS NO CAMP ON FRIDAY JULY 4<sup>th</sup>!**

Please ensure that you plan accordingly, campers will have our author share and dress up on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>!



During pick-up and drop-off, continue to move as far forward as possible. Please do not exit your car while in line. Staff will be available to help your camper enter & exit through the passenger side doors.



Remember that drop-off is from **9:00 - 9:15**. Pick-up is from **3:15 - 3:30**.

Please try to arrive as close to those times as possible to avoid congestion with the other summer programs.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us create a great camping experience for your child!



Young Authors Day Camp visits the Cranbrook Natatorium two days each week. Those days being **Monday and Thursday**. Campers do NOT have to swim if they don't want to. However, if campers choose to swim we ask that **they come to camp wearing their swimsuits under their clothes** as we head to the pool pretty early. Plus, it allows for more time to enjoy the pool! We also ask campers bring a bag for wet suits and towels as well as goggles from home if they'd like.



## Group One: Ms. Becca and Mr. Miles

Ages 6-8: Grades Second thru Fourth.

Despite the summer heat and storms keeping us indoors, we brought the outdoors to life through our writing. The theme this week was nature and the environment, and we explored it in many ways—imagining what it would be like to live a day in the life of our favorite animals, collaborating on partner stories about sea creatures working together to end water pollution, constructing different types of poems about our favorite seasons using descriptive adjectives and sensory details, and creating a class story about how to save the earth.

Although we couldn't go on author adventures outside every day, our imaginations and creativity helped us experience the beauty of nature and appreciate the environment around us. It was an incredible week celebrating our world!



## Group Two: Ms. Ella and Mr. Kasen

Ages 8-10: Grades Fourth thru Fifth

This week, our group visited nature themes! Our campers created magical worlds full of new creatures and plant life. Due to the heat we had to stay inside more than we'd like, but we played lots of fun games to pass the extra time. Worle, Telestrations, and Poetry for Neanderthals being the campers favorites. And oh so many piggy back rides at recess.

On Thursday we watched a few short clips from "A Bugs Life" to gain some inspiration on what a bugs life story would be. We did roll-and-writes throughout the week and created some very action packed stories! On Friday our campers created their own mad-libs where each camper in our group got to participate in adding to everyone's mad-lib.



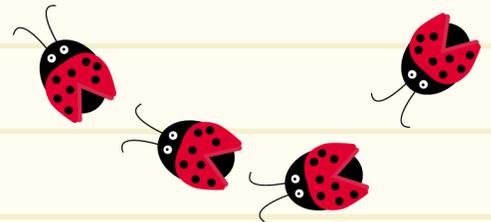
## Group 3: Ms. Jane and Ms. Grace

Ages 8-10: Grades Fourth and Fifth.



Our second week at Young Author's Day Camp brought super fun discussions and writing having to do with our world's many different environments, weather patterns, plants, and animals! Creative young writers explored their ideal environment to live in and spun some crazy tales about natural disasters!

From pine to palm, writers described what it would be like if trees had personalities using very effective details. Choose Your Own Adventure let our young authors explore different realms of action and fantasy, and then we reflected on the four different seasons with poetry and watercolor painting. We closed out our fun-filled week by shrinking down to the size of a bug to explore the environment using all five senses!



## Group Four: Ms. Christina and Ms. Meredith

Ages 9-11: Grades Fifth thru Seventh.

This week, despite some heat-wave-induced-indoor-birdwatching, our campers explored the great wilderness. Our adventurous young authors wrote days in the life of animals, stepped into the roles of reporters for the animal kingdom, and narrated their survival on a deserted island with three items of their choosing.



In a choose your own adventure activity, each young author created a web of possibilities for characters trying to survive wild animals, braving tsunamis, and escaping sticky nature situations. Our young authors also explored the genre of transcendentalism, composed haikus, navigated run-ins with the Loch Ness Monster and Bigfoot, and built stories around natural disasters and phenomena. By the end of the week, we beat the heat and summer storms and took writing adventures outside!

## Group Five: Ms. Riley and Lumi

Ages 11-14: Grades Sixth thru Ninth.

This week we had a wonderful group which made the week so much fun! :) We started each day off collaborating to beat the NY Times Games which includes Wordle, Spelling Bee, Connections, etc.

This week we focused on poetry, persuasive writing, nature themed writing, mythology themed writing, along with a lot of free-writing! The fan favorites of the week included chain writing, paint chip poetry, telestrations, and our mythology themed day. Due to another week of unfortunate weather we were only able to spend a little time outdoors where we did some writing at Snake Rock. We closed off the week with free-writing and some more rounds of chain writing (which the campers loved). Such a fun week that is now in the books, we look forward to seeing those who are returning next week and we will miss those who are parting ways!



## More Photos From Camp!

