Week Four Edition

NEWSLETTER

Moung Author's

## Theme of the Week: Outer-space

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.







# Week 5 Theme: Lost and Found

#### Weather and Dress Code:

Week 5 should bring a mix of sunny and hot weather. As well as rainy, summer thunderstorms. We love to stay active and take our young authors outside. Please ensure to send your camper with a water bottle, sun protection, bug spray, and CLOSED toe walking shoes!

#### Drop Off and Pick-up:



Young Authors Day Camp runs each day from 9:15-3:15 Drop off begins at 9:00 each morning and ends at 9:15. If your child is going to be late please email or call us so we can plan accordingly! Pick up is from 3:15-3:30 each afternoon. All parents must join the pick up line and **REMAIN in the line** until they are instructed to pull forward. Any campers not picked up by 3:30 will be put on the bus to after-care at Brookside! You will then need to pick your child up from there! **Please have the authorized pick-up form ready each day at pick up!** 

#### Author Share and Anthology:

We love showcasing the work that our campers do each week. We encourage all parents to purchase a Young Author's Anthology which includes one piece of writing from each of our campers every week! The anthology is \$20.00 and can be purchased via Ultracamp. Author Share on Fridays is our **CLOSED** camp event for just campers and staff. However, parents are encouraged to have their campers share their work with them at home!

#### Pool Time: 🥿

We go swimming at the Cranbrook Natatorium two times a week! **Mondays** and Thursdays from 10:20-11:30. As pool time is almost directly after drop off, we strongly encourage campers to come to camp in their swimsuits on these days to make things easier. Plus it allows them more time in the pool! Also make sure we are sending campers with a towel and something to put their wet suits in after swimming!





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

Ages 6-8: Grades Second to Fourth.

We're halfway through author camp, and what better theme to spark new writing ideas than outer space!? This week was full of creativity, imagination, and out-of-thisworld fun.

We wrote letters to alien pen pals, designed travel brochures for vacations on faraway planets, invented our own aliens, and imagined what it would be like to explore space—or even have a UFO land right in our backyard! Our daily author adventures around campus helped us brainstorm new ideas and even expand some of our writing into chapter stories.

It was an exciting week of storytelling, exploration, and galactic creativity!



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

Ages 8-10: Grades Fourth to Fifth

This week, our group flew into space! Our campers created their planets and travel guides for space. From there, we deciphered alien codes and wrote letters back to the aliens from planet Novas Terra. On Wednesday, we created solar systems for our new planets and wrote about some wild adventures taking place in the stars!

On Thursday, we played some fun writing games, including roll and write and chain writing. And, of course, we played our favorite pastime and brain break games: poetry for Neanderthals, Just Dance, and Telestrations. We ended the week by keeping up our creative writing skills while writing and watching Star Wars!







Group Three: Ms. Christing and Ms. Meredith

Ages 10-12: Grades Fifth to Seventh.

This week our young authors reached beyond the stars to fill their journals with excellent creative writing!

In the beginning of the week, they channeled their inner interior designers and engineers as they designed the spaceships of their dreams. Campers rewrote the endings or perspectives of stories they love, and designed travel brochures for Mars.

The young authors also dropped the pencil for a paintbrush, painting galaxies to inspire poems. At the end of the week, we all worked together to generate a group list of what we would put on a capsule sent into outer space for any possible life!

Group Four: Ms. Morgan and Lumi Ages 11-14: Grades Sixth to Ninth. Ms. Morgan has been so excited to take a break from the office and step back into the camp room for some YADC fun. Group Four kicked off the week exploring worm holes and the dark depths of space. Campers created their own galaxies, then created blackout poems to go along with them.

(Ask your camper to see theirs!) We created some scrumptious alien cuisine by designing our own "out of this world" menu. Our camp room experienced quite the meteor shower while we did a twist on the popular "finish" that

#### story.

Finally, campers wrapped up the week with some galactic acrostic poetry and science fiction comic strips. Campers traversed through planets far and wide as well as many different writing styles across the galaxy!



