



# Young Author's NEWSLETTER



Theme of the Week: Around the World

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.

**Field Trip:** Next week Young Authors will be stepping into our time machines (shaped like a yellow school bus) and going back in time to explore the art and artifacts at **The Detroit Institute of Arts** on Tuesday, July 29th!

Here is what parents need to know

- We will be gone from **10:20-2:30**, and will be unable to take phone calls at this time. If there is an emergency parents can email **[RApplebaum@cranbrook.edu](mailto:RApplebaum@cranbrook.edu)** or call the **SSP office**.
- Lunch will still be provided, campers who bring lunch from home are asked to bring a **DISPOSABLE LUNCH** (brown paper bag, etc.)
- **The following items will be left AT CAMP as per DIA regulations.**
  - Backpacks or bags (any medications will be with counselors)
  - Water bottles (water will be provided with lunch)
- We ask that ALL campers wear their **ORANGE Cranbrook SSP** shirt that they received during their first camp session this year.
- Campers will **NOT** be allowed in the gift shop or any of the cafes- so please do not send money with your camper.
- Pick-up and drop-off will remain the same, as our field trip will be during camp hours!

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email us at:

**[YoungAuthorsDayCamp@cranbrook.edu](mailto:YoungAuthorsDayCamp@cranbrook.edu)**



# Reminders!



## Week 7 Theme: Time Travel



### Weather and Dress Code:



Week 7 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 Third.

We had an adventurous week as our young authors traveled the globe through their writing! Using prompts that took us around the world, campers wrote short stories introducing who they are and where they're from, imagined life through the eyes of their favorite animals living in unique habitats, and crafted letters to pen pals in faraway countries.

One of the most exciting projects—dreamed up and developed entirely by the group—was a collaborative story series about Mr. Miles and his journey around the world! Each day brought new discoveries of continents, cultures, food, and vacation destinations, sparking inspiration during free writing time and author adventures around campus. It was a wonderful week of creativity, exploration, and storytelling!

ADVENTURE  
TIME

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

Ages 8-9: Grades Third to Fourth

This week, our campers traveled around the world! On Monday, we dove into storytelling through postcards.

Campers wrote messages to friends from places they've visited and/or dreamed of visiting. They described all the sights, sounds, and adventures they experienced. On Tuesday, we set off on a morning writing adventure to Snake Rock to soak up the sun and get some fresh air. Wednesday was bursting with imagination! Campers created original travel journal entries, wrote about their favorite recipes, invented brand new countries complete with customs and cultures, and drew detailed maps of magical lands no one had ever stepped foot on before. In between our writing activities, we had dance battles, hilarious lip sync competitions, and friendship bracelet making during recess.







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## Group Three: Ms. Riley and Ms. Grace

Ages 8-11: Grades Fourth to Sixth.

What another amazing week we have had at Young Author's Day Camp! Not only did we have lots of fun, we also did a ton of writing! This week we were able to go on a few writing adventures to the Magic Tree, the Japanese Gardens, and Two Trees on a Hill.

The campers wrote some amazing pieces on these adventures as well as climbed lots of trees. This week campers wrote about numerous prompts aligning with the theme of Around the World. We also had some fun activities such as writing pen pal letters to a partner and creating a cultural suitcase packed with items/things that align with who they are!

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

Ages 10-12: Grades Sixth to Seventh.

This week our group of campers traveled far and wide with their stories! We took inspiration from music from regions of the world, the Olympics, Ancient Greek city states, food from different cultures, and animals from each biome. Our campers wrote about countries of their own creation, complete with national flowers, mottos, animals, and even melodic anthems. Each young author channeled the power of an underdog in fictional stories about olympians, navigated imagined snafus in travel plans, and penned poems. They also described a World Fair in 2100, encountered kicking kangaroos in the outback, and became news reporters describing world events. Reaching every corner of the map, our young authors continued to wow us with their creativity, humor, and dedication in their writing!





## Group Five: Ms. Jane and Lumi

Ages 11-16: Grades Seventh-Ninth

Ms. Jane and Lumi's fun-filled week at Young Authors had writers traveling around the world learning about different countries and expressing themselves through various creating writing prompts and activities! We saw how different a week of groceries can look depending on what country you're in and then wrote about food using innovative metaphors. Sticky note stories randomized characters, settings, time periods, and conflicts to create some truly wacky short stories. We spent time having fun with black out poetry using a newspaper and learned about ekphrasis to create a story out of paintings. Campers also wrote about the various personalities and characters of trees from around the world!

