



Theme of the Week: The Unknown (Spooky Week)

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, and making new friends.

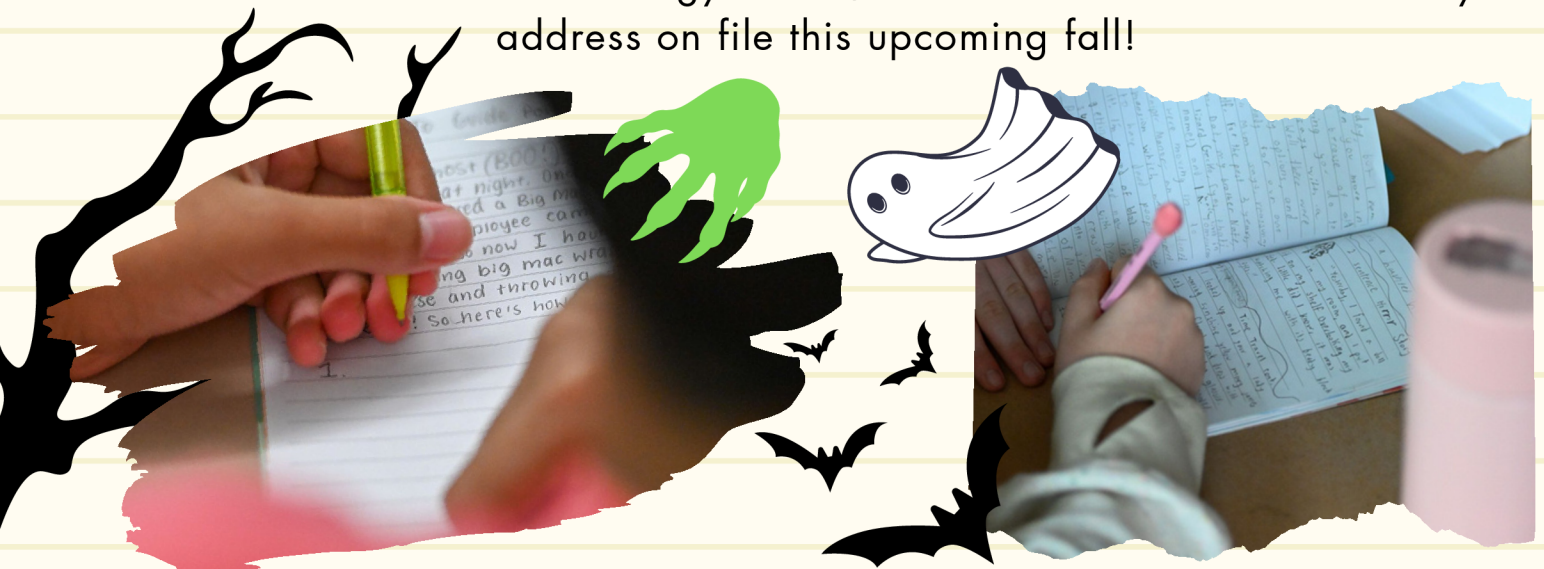
We are excited to see what our authors dress up as each Friday, as we meet together to celebrate our growth as writers and share our creations.

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.

We want to thank all the campers and parents for helping us create another amazing year at Young Authors Day Camp! We hope all campers continue their stories through the school year and we will see you next summer!

If you haven't already, parents can order ***The Young Authors Anthology*** through Ultra Camp. This is a collection of stories from all of our campers over the summer! Each anthology costs **\$25.00** and will be delivered to your address on file this upcoming fall!



Group One: Ms. Becca and Mr. Miles

Our final week of Young Authors Day Camp was spook-tacular and bursting with frightfully fun creativity! The young authors stirred up stories about mysterious magic potions, mischievous monsters hiding in closets, invisible imaginary friends, and bone-chilling tales crafted through a partner “Roll-A-Story” game.

Each writer got as silly, scary, and imaginative as possible while creating original and wildly entertaining work. Our author adventures around campus helped spark spooky storylines and surprising plot twists throughout the week. It was a week full of laughter, chills, and ghostly good fun—one we won’t soon forget!



Group Two: Ms. Ella and Mr. Kasen

This week, our group stepped into the world of spooky storytelling! Our campers played their camp favorites: writing games such as Roll ‘n’ Write, Story Cards, Wordle, and Chain Writing, all while drawing inspiration from the scary stories they listened to on YouTube throughout the week. We also engaged in our favorite brain breaks: Just Dance, Mafia, Night at the Museum, and pipe cleaner worms.

On Tuesday, our group escaped the haunted library by solving riddles and puzzles from the ghost of the Librarian.

On Friday, we built a fort from desks, blankets, and jackets, turned off the lights, and huddled together with flashlights and creepy music to share the spooky stories we had each written.



Group Three: Ms. Riley and Ms. Grace

We have had a fantastic final week 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 some Cranbrook hotspots such as the Japanese Gardens, Magic Tree, and more! This week campers wrote about numerous prompts aligning with the theme of "The Unknown" also known as Spooky Week. We also had a lot of fun playing the New York Times Games and creating silly Mad Libs.

Every camper wrote something worth sharing and we are so proud of all the hard work they accomplished this week! Although we are saddened to see camp come to an end, we are so excited to see everyone again next summer!



Group Four: Ms. Meredith and Ms. Christina

In the final week of Young Author's Day Camp, our authors spun some wild spiderweb stories! Our campers tried ekphrastic writing, where they found inspiration in spooky paintings, either writing about how the paintings made them feel or from the perspective of something in the painting. Our stories took place in game shows, cemeteries, alternate universes, schools for wizards, and haunted houses. Campers wrote ghost stories, instruction manuals for haunting, whodunit detective stories, and created worlds where they coexisted with supernatural beings.

The campers showed their excellent eye for detail when they made ultra-specific recipes for potions and spells, and at the end of the week we all tried out improv comedy!



Group 5: Ms. Jane, and Lumi

This week at YADC was filled with mystery, intrigue, and extremely spooky stories! Our burgeoning writers enhanced their writing skills and creative thinking with fun games like chain writing, randomized sticky note stories, three noun prompt challenges, and story starters. We took a look at perspective by writing letters to or from misunderstood monsters. Then, authors played around with ekphrastic writing after looking at different paintings- some were silly stories, while others were serious poems.

Two sentence horror stories had writers challenging themselves to cook up a frightening tale using only two sentences. A reading of the picture book, "Boris and Bella" by Carolyn Crimi gave writers inspiration for their story about two opposite characters. The closing of this week (and our summer at YADC) was frightfully delightful!



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