

Woodside Learning Center

Creative Writing: Pet Stories (Grades 2-5) Face to Face ONLY 8 Weeks August 23-October 11, 2012

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Note: This is a supplemental course. This is not a graded course. The teacher will review student assignments and provide feedback. Students will also receive an evaluation and course breakdown for their own files.

This creative writing course is aimed at both reluctant and inspired writers. Students will each adopt a toy “pet” and use their imagination to explore the creature’s traits, personality, and skills. As students conduct interviews, write letters, and compose essays about their quirky little animals they will absorb skills in the six traits of writing (ideas, organization, voice, sentence fluency, word choice, & conventions) without even realizing it!

This is a face-to-face class. Other than periodic emails, there is no online component.

The **face-to-face** class meets one hour per week at our Weddington location. **Thursdays 12:30-1:30**

Tuition: \$110

Registration: Please visit our website to download a registration form. www.woodsidelc.com

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
#1	Interview (organization, word choice)	How much is that dragon in the window? Plastic creatures have overrun the classroom. Students will select one animal and interview each other about their pets.
#2	Senses (word choice, ideas)	What do I smell? What do I see? The pets have wandered into a magical forest. Students will write a descriptive essay using their pet’s particular sensory strengths.
#3	Point of View(voice, fluency)	Have you ever seen a whale on a skateboard? The class pets have new transportation. Students will write about their pet on a vehicle from the point of view of a bystander.
#4	Drawing Conclusions (organization voice)	Where, oh where has my rhinoceros gone? All pets are missing from the classroom. Students will draw conclusions from the clues and write a newspaper account of the rescue.
#5	Description (voice, word choice)	What should I wear to the ball? The class pets have invited to Cinderella’s ball. Students will describe their pets & the costumes they’ll wear.
#6	Problem/Solution (ideas, fluency)	Oh <i>deer</i> , what can the matter be? Trouble is brewing as the pets cause havoc. Students will write about a specific pet problem and come up with a solution.
#7	Letter Writing (word choice, ideas)	Will you take her, please? The pets are just too difficult to care for. Students will write a formal letter to a zookeeper, persuading her to adopt the pet.
#8	Compare/Contrast (organization & conventions)	How much for the little penguin? Students will choose a new pet and compare/contrast it to their old one.

Schedule subject to change

Contact Information:

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