



Writer's Workshop

Fall Brook School is launching a new writing program this year at each grade level. Students will be studying certain genres and published authors to learn to be better writers.

Goal of the program:

Develop in students the skill and love of writing and to see writing as not just a SCHOOL THING, but as something they enjoy doing and can do well! Seeing themselves as writers, thinking and acting as writers are each key elements of this program.

Program Format

- 10-15 Minutes of developmentally appropriate mini-lessons
- 30 Minutes of independent writing, teacher conferencing, revision and editing of drafts.
- 5-10 minutes of lesson wrap-up or summarizing. Students at that time may have an opportunity to showcase their writing if it serves an instructional purpose for the group.

How parents can help develop their children being writers:

- Read aloud good literature to your children. This practice will build vocabulary or word knowledge in your child. "Smart words" are encouraged for use when students are writing. (i.e. What is a smart word for fun?")
- Share some of your own writing experiences with your child.
- Model writing in your home.
- Point out details; ask your child what they notice or what might be happening in a picture.