

March 10, 2021

Dear T1-T4 Parents,

This is to inform you that during the Spring Break, Tut. H students may register in a series of writing workshops and/or chess instruction & games.

Program Description:



WRITE YOUR OWN STORY ON THE PANDEMIC

Joshua Shelov a graduate and adjunct professor at Yale University created in 2007 a writing workshop called “Written Out Loud”. As the CEO and founder, he developed the program into an in person “storytelling school” for middle- and high-schoolers in Fairfield, CT, and Chicago. The pandemic of 2020 spurred the pivot into the virtual/Zoom world, where it has exploded into an international program with hundreds of happy storytellers and families. The students’ writing skills - and love of writing - will grow by leaps and bounds, so will their courage, empathy, and collaborative spirit.

The program is designed to put every storyteller in a position to create with confidence and joy.

HOW IT WORKS

These are joyful creative sessions, featuring storytelling games, activities, and exercises. The students’ individual writing skill will grow by leaps and bounds. And so will their courage, collaborative spirit, and empathy.

Every morning the students will meet with their small “storytelling crew” in a one-hour mentored, joyfully creative Zoom session. Fueled by a discussion of their favorite stories, the students will start writing immediately after the session ends - 30-60 minutes of joyful writing immediately follows. The next morning, the students share their "story bursts" with each other. The story

director shows the group how to blend their stories together into a single, unified whole, combining characters, plot elements, and settings. Sometimes the unified story can be a fantasy epic; sometimes the stories can be a series of nonfiction anthology. Regardless of focus, the work is fueled by genuine passion. A lifelong love of writing begins to grow.



CHESS

Multiple studies indicate that students who learn and practice chess enjoy remarkable growth in areas as diverse as math, language, music and science. This program is provided by US Chess Academy

IMPORTANT REMINDER

- All workshops are provided on ZOOM platform.
 - MORNING - "Write your Own Story" - from 9:30AM to 11:30AM
 - AFTERNOON - "Chess Instruction & Games" - from 1:30PM to 3:30PM
 - FEES \$380/week - morning or afternoon
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- **Week # 1** => Monday April 5th through Friday April 9th
 - **Week # 2** => Monday April 12th through Friday April 16th

I am at your disposal if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
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Director of Special Programs