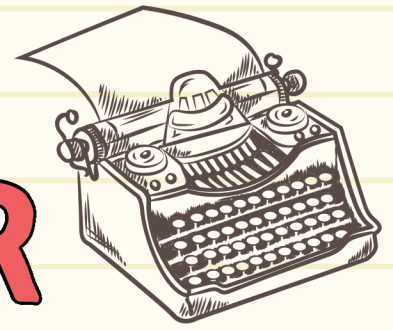


Week One
Edition

Young Author's NEWSLETTER



Theme of the Week: Who Am I? (Characters and Archetypes)

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.



Reminders!



Week 2 Theme: Mother Nature

Week 2 Campers will explore the wonderful world of nature! However, the sun will be **HOT**! So please make sure we are sending our campers with appropriate sun protection (hats, sunscreen, etc.), water, and walking shoes!

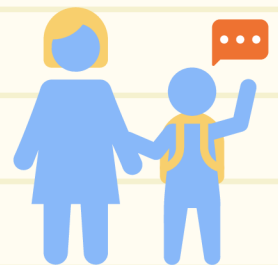


During pick-up and drop-off, continue to move as far forward as possible. Please do not exit your car while in line. Staff will be available to help your camper enter & exit through the passenger side doors.

Remember that drop-off is from 9:00 – 9:15. Pick-up is from 3:15 – 3:30.

Please try to arrive as close to those times as possible to avoid congestion with the other summer programs.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us create a great camping experience for your child!



Group One: Ms. Becca and Mr. Miles

Ages 6-7: Grades Second and Third.

Our group had a fantastic first week at camp, packed with imagination, creativity, and a whole lot of fun! We started the week by using our “Character-O-Matics” (aka our brilliant brains!) to imagine ourselves as characters in real-life stories.

Then, we invented brand-new characters in fictional stories and re-imagined classic tales by writing our own creative twists, like changing the details in a fairy tale and writing stories from a villain’s point of view. Throughout the week, we practiced using story maps to plan out our ideas and went on daily writing adventures around campus to spark inspiration. It was an exciting week full of thinking, creating, and, of course, writing!



Ask Your Child About: Their fairy-tale villains, Their “Character-O-Matics”, and Their favorite writing adventure spot!

Group Two: Ms. Ella and Mr. Kasen

Ages 8-9: Grades Third thru Fifth

This week, our group dove into the world of character creation! Our campers created characters based on themselves and put themselves in their favorite stories—whether from books, movies, or their original tales. From there, we brainstormed brand-new heroes and villains, “Fiona the Evil Chipmunk” and “Kaptain Kasen” being two of our group’s favorites! On Wednesday, we used a roll-and-write to mix our exciting brand-new characters with some of our favorite existing characters, giving everyone a fun way to practice their creative writing skills. On We shared lots of laughs throughout the week while making silly Mad Libs, and we all got our wiggles out during writing adventures and playing Just Dance on a rainy day.



Ask Your Child About:
Kaptain Kasen and Fiona the Evil Chipmunk

Group 3: Ms. Jane and Ms. Grace

Ages 9-10: Grades Fourth and Fifth.

This week, our super creative young authors explored what might happen if our neighborhoods got transformed into magical villages overnight! Fairies, creatures, royalty, and superheroes came to life in many stories when our ideas were put on paper.

Sticky note stories jumbled up characters, settings, conflicts, and time periods to create wacky collaborative narratives. Choose your own adventure stories let our young authors have fun creating difficult choices within adventure writing.

As our fun-filled week was winding down, authors showcased their reflective thoughts when writing about what makes them special and their own personal hero. I think it's safe to say it was a happily ever after here at YADC week one!

Ask Your Child About:

Their adventure writing and what makes them a "hero"!

Group Four: Ms. Christina and Ms. Meredith

Ages 10-12: Grades Fifth thru Seventh

Once upon a time, in Young Author's Day Camp, our campers stepped into their roles as young authors as they explored many different characters and archetypes!

They developed backstories for imagined characters, and each camper wrote fantastical arcs between their own heroes and villains. Campers also explored writing a backstory for their favorite story villain!

We even invented our own character plots, crafting what stories would become of us when we encountered magical artifacts or we became mythical creatures! Lastly, we ended the week with some fun storytelling games featuring our characters from the week.



Ask Your Child About:

Their favorite villain stories and mythical creatures!

Group Five: Ms. Riley and Lumi

Ages 13-14: Grades Eighth and Ninth

We have had a tremendous amount of fun this week starting each day putting our brains together to complete the NY Times games (This include Wordle, Spelling Bee, Connections, etc.) We focused on four types of writing this week including narrative writing, persuasive writing, descriptive writing, along with some free writing! Some fan favorites of the week included "Create Your Own Adventure" stories along with spinning a virtual wheel that decides the main character, the setting, and the conflict of the story. We were only able to venture out once to the Greek Theatre where campers picked either the "Who's the real hero?" prompt if they had an idea of their own, they were encouraged to pursue the idea of their own!

Ask Your Child About:

Their top wordle score and their "Choose Your Own Adventure Story"

More photos from camp!

