

Young Authors Gazette

Week 4: Fairy Tales



Once upon a time, in a faraway land, the Young Authors of the Kingdom of Cranbrook had lots and lots of fun as they wrote countless enthralling stories! The Young Authors were magical, as they could create whole worlds, concoct clever rhymes, and compose poetry beyond anyone's wildest dreams. Sometimes known as campers, they would roam the Kingdom of Cranbrook to gather inspiration, write, and make new friends. The campers enjoyed swimming in the Natatorium Sea almost as much as they loved to write their own fairy tales or alter tales which are well known. We hope your Young Author had a magical time with us during Fairy Tale week!

Mr. Blake, Mr. Kasen, and Mr. Sam

Our theme for Week 4 was Fairy Tales. We had a number of fun writing prompts to consider in the morning as our young authors pondered inserting themselves in fantastical worlds and settings. To start

the week, we established our hopes and dreams for the week, as well as randomizing stories with a roll and write activity, illustrating fairy tale character cards, and writing short biographies for the anthology. Campers used LEGO bricks to make sets for their fairy tale stories; later in the day, campers wrote stories using inspiration from



their character cards and LEGO sets. Writers then compared and contrasted three Cinderella stories from around the world: *The Orphan* (Greece), *Sindi* (South Africa), *Pigling* (South Korea). Campers wrote fractured fairy tales, which change at least one element of a fairy tale, while keeping at least one of the elements. We finished off the week by selecting pieces to put in the anthology and participating in Author Share with the rest of the Young Authors Day Camp.

Ms. Natalie and Ms. Ella

Our Young Authors had quite the creative week with the fairy tale theme. We discovered new and old fairy tales and fractured them up on Monday and Tuesday. Campers practiced their scriptwriting skills



when divided into groups and asked to create mini plays of their fractured fairy tales. Then, campers created maps of their fairy tale lands! Campers loved watching *Into the Woods* on our rainy day while working on their maps and found inspiration to combine fairy tales on their own! We also

played fun games like Poetry for Neanderthals and LEGO story telling. What an amazing week!

Ms. Jane and Lumi

This week at YADC, our writers got wacky by mixing random story elements into one cohesive

original story. Fractured fairy tales gave our young authors a chance to rewrite or alter classic fairy tales. We created a story chain where everyone in our group contributed to each story, resulting in 12



incredible and original pieces of writing. Campers discussed and wrote about common morals in fairy tales. We took a look at some interesting paintings to practice ekphrastic writing. We also conducted partner interviews as campers embodied a character or person of their choice, played Telestrations, had a "story

snowball fight", and created Choose Your Own Adventure stories! We ended the week by playing Paint-Chip poetry, writing concrete poems, and creating our own Mad Libs.

Ms. Morgan and Ms. Riley

Once upon a time, our campers began fairy tale week creating our own "fractured fairy tales". Either changing an element or combining some of our favorite fairy tales together to create new stories. We continued our journey through the land of Young Authors

by designing and sharing our Choose Your Own Adventure stories. Wednesday was a day of artistry where we created fairy tale graphic novels and illustrated our own fairy tale characters. Campers described their specific designs and



powers-as well as tried to incorporate them into a story. We watched a class favorite, *Shrek 2*. Campers discussed how the entire film was one giant fractured fairy tale-incorporating different elements of a fairy tale we discussed during the week. Finally, we ended our fairy tale journey with some Mad Libs and readers theater where we practiced putting our writing skills into acting. The campers lived happily ever after and were excited for Author Share on Friday!