

Writing Workshop for Children

There are many ways we as parents can help our children find their stories. We read to them. We explore. We talk. And we encourage them to write in their own words. U-Write, a writing workshop for children, helps kids in grades 2 through 5 do just that. Started in 2009 at the Academy of Music and Arts in Southampton, U-Write begins a new 8 week session in creative writing this September.

During each one-hour class, children learn the skills, structure and craft of creating stories, in the form of books, articles, journals, and letters. Each week, fun activities and interactive exercises are intended to help shape our future authors, journalists, and wordsmiths. Primarily, each child is guided on how to begin a fiction story and how to create characters and a story arc that will be developed throughout the eight weeks of class.

Any path your child chooses is paved by words. U-Write's mission is to help young writers excel on those chosen paths. This course provides the information and hands-on work children can use to create stories.

For more information about the class or to enroll, visit U-Write on the web at u-write.blogspot.com, contact instructor Kellyann Zuzulo at kfzuzulo@yahoo.com, 215 287-7291, or at the Academy of Music and Arts, 215 942-7531, 1423 2nd Street Pike, Southampton, PA 18966.

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