

Middle School Writing Enrichment Camp and Private Tutoring

Instructor: Ms. Fischer

Academic Writing: August 11-15th, morning session: 10:30am-12:30pm

Creative Writing: August 11-15th, afternoon session: 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Where: Hosted at Mater Christi School

Cost: \$250 per session.

Space is limited to 10 students per session. Scholarships are available, but are very limited. Students who would like to sign up for both sessions are welcome to pack a lunch and stay at school in between sessions.

Open to rising 7th, 8th and 9th grade students. Rising 6th graders will be considered on a case by case basis.

Academic Writing: Research shows that repetition and process writing are key to improving writing. The more students practice their writing skills, just like doing reps of an exercise, the stronger that muscle becomes. Reframing writing as an explicit process with several distinct steps helps students improve their writing and revision skills.

In this session, students will work through the several stages of writing, beginning with brainstorming a topic (student choice), research, thesis writing, outlining, drafting, editing and revising. The implicit writing process will be made explicit, and students will receive individualized attention and instruction throughout the process. They will leave the session with a polished piece of writing, teacher feedback on strengths and areas of growth, and accessible resources they can use in future academic writing projects. **This is an excellent opportunity for rising 9th graders to prepare them for the demands of high school writing!**

Testimony from a 2023 Academic Writing camper: *“Thank you so much for helping me become a better writer. I am in Honors English [at Rice] and one of our first assignments was to write an essay... This assignment is notoriously hard, and you don't stop turning it in until you get a 100, and I was super worried about it. But thanks to your writing camp, I used your writing guide and I was the first in my class to get a 100 and only on the second try (The only error was the bibliography format). I could have never done it without your help, and the reason my essay passed was because I used your strategy.”*

Creative Writing: Writing across genres is another excellent way to improve student writing. We will begin each day with fun writing exercises and games. We will spend a bulk of the session responding to specific and unique creative writing prompts: Though seemingly counterintuitive, the best art is often created under constraints. Students will have an opportunity to discuss their pieces of writing with the group and present their work at the end of the session.

Sign-Up Details:

Email Ms. Fischer (kfischer@materchristischool.net) with the following information:

Student name and grade

Parent contact information

Registration is open until full.

***Payment can be made through cash or check made payable to Katherine Fischer. This can be dropped off at the front office of MCS. Please submit payment by August 1, 2025.

Please reach out for further details.

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About me: I am the English Teacher at Mater Christi Middle School. I hold both a bachelor's and a master's degree in English. During my time in graduate school, I worked as a graduate writing consultant at the writing center, where I helped graduate students with their writing. Before my time in graduate school, I was an academic coach for college students with diverse learning needs. I love helping students strengthen their writing by making the process more accessible and intuitive.