



CREATIVE WRITING

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. Martocello

Grades 4 & 5
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SUPPLIES TO BRING EVERY TIME

- Folder
- Notebook/Binder
- Pen/Pencil
- Highlighter

WORK

Must complete 80% of Homework & Class Projects to be considered eligible for progression to Level 2.*

* This class is designed to be repeated if age/grade requirements for Level 2 (6-8th) aren't met. Exceptions will be on a case-by-case basis.

CLASS RULES

- Be on time and ready to learn with your supplies.
- Be respectful of classmates, teachers, and property.
- Be kind, polite, and courteous to others.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Water or other covered drinks are allowed.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Welcome to Creative Writing, an exciting class designed for 4th and 5th graders who love reading books like Harry Potter, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and Percy Jackson!

If you dream of creating your magical worlds and thrilling adventures, this is the place for you. In this class, you'll learn how to craft stories by exploring key elements like characters, setting, plot, and conflict. Imagine inventing characters as brave as Harry Potter or as clever as Annabeth Chase and sending them on incredible adventures.

Each week, we'll have fun writing exercises to help you develop your storytelling skills and bring your ideas to life. We'll also read and discuss a variety of short stories and poetry, learning from great examples to inspire our writing. You'll practice starting stories with a bang, keeping the excitement going, and wrapping things up with a satisfying ending. My goal is to help you become a confident and creative writer, ready to share your stories with the world.

Let's have a great time writing together and creating unforgettable adventures!

PHONES AND DEVICES

Phones & personal devices need to be stored out of sight unless teacher permission has been given to be used for academic purposes.

Laptop/Chromebooks may be allowed on a case-by-case basis and must be used responsibly. Please contact Ms. Martocello prior to bringing it to class.

FUN FACTS ABOUT YOUR TEACHER

- This is my 5th year with SchoolNova!
- Halloween is my favorite holiday - last year, I dressed up as Miss Frizzle, a personal favorite.
- I love animals, and I have a husky mix named Milo, named after a character in one of my favorite movies.
- I'm the youngest of my siblings.
- My favorite book series are Chronicles of Narnia and Goosebumps.
- My favorite sport is soccer and I follow Gotham FC and Manchester United.
- My favorite movie is The Princess Bride.



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FAQ *Frequently Asked Questions*

How can I get in touch with you?

Email me at martocello@schoolnova.org - I will respond within 24 hours.

Do I need to be in Grades 4/5 to join?

4th grade is the minimum grade level requirement, but you can reach out to me directly if you have questions about your student.

Can I repeat the class?

Absolutely! These classes are designed to be repeatable, with new writing challenges and opportunities to expand your skills each time. We encourage you to focus on building confidence in your work, refining your storytelling techniques, and mastering the art of poetic expression.

What if I'm absent?

If you are absent, it is YOUR responsibility to obtain and communicate with the teacher about makeup work. Work will be posted on the SchoolNova Website. If you are absent during a presentation day, be prepared to present your first day back.

What if I have an issue with an assignment/need accommodations?

If you need an extension or other modification for an assignment (typed vs written, larger fonts in print outs, etc.) please let me know ahead of the due date or at the beginning of the term.

Why do I need to type most of my assignments?

To help me grade easily, items that are assigned for home are to be typed and handed in digitally. Packets and worksheets distributed in class are, of course, the exceptions.

Why is there a ghost?

For fun! My favorite holiday is Halloween, and each class gets a "mascot" both for fun and to help me keep track of the different classes. Your job, however, is to help me name them.

Don't see your question? My email is always open for questions/concerns from students and parents alike.

I look forward to all the things to come this year!

NEED HELP?

If you are struggling, or need help in class, PLEASE do not sit there and do nothing about it. Let's get you what you need to get caught up! Email me or talk to me before/after class. Let me know what you are struggling or overwhelmed with and I can offer you suggestions and solutions.

HELPFUL WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

- pbslearningmedia.org
- khanacademy.org
- ReadWriteThink
- BrainPop.com
- Ted Ed