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CREATIVE WRITING 1
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Welcome to Creative Writing!

Hello everyone, and welcome to Creative Writing 1! My name is Amanda Martocello, and I'm so excited to be your teacher for the **2025-2026 school year**. This is my fifth year as a full-time teacher here at SchoolNova, and my seventh year overall. I have my BA in English Literature and Writing from Stony Brook University and my MSLIS from Queens College. For almost a decade, I've taught English Literature and Writing at various levels, from kindergarten through college.

Class Overview

If you love books like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Percy Jackson*, this class is for you! Designed for 4th and 5th graders, Creative Writing 1 is a place where your imagination can run wild. You'll learn how to craft your own stories by exploring key elements like characters, setting, plot, and conflict. We'll have fun writing exercises each week to help you develop your storytelling skills and bring your ideas to life.

We'll also read and discuss different short stories and poetry to get inspired. You'll learn how to start a story with a bang, keep the excitement going, and create a satisfying ending. By the end of this course, you'll be a more confident and creative writer, ready to share your unforgettable adventures with the world.

Assignments, Communication, and Expectations

To help you practice and improve, we'll have in-class reviews, quizzes, creative and analytical projects, and presentations. All homework and assignments will be posted on the SchoolNova website.

Here are some important class guidelines and expectations:

- **Respect:** Please be respectful of your classmates, teachers, and school property.
- **Kindness:** Always be kind, polite, and courteous to others.
- **Safety:** Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- **Preparedness:** Come to class ready to learn with your notebook, a folder, and writing utensils. Chromebooks are allowed as long as you use them responsibly.
- **Speaking Up:** Raise your hand if you'd like to speak or need to leave the classroom for any reason.
- **Electronics:** No headphones, phones, or other electronics are allowed during class time.
- **Food & Drink:** You can have water or other covered drinks, but please, no food due to potential allergies.
- **Assignments:** Assignments must be handed in on time. If you need an extension, please let me know ASAP.
- **Modifications:** If you need an extension or any other modification for an assignment (like a larger font for printouts), please let me know ahead of the due date.
- **Stay Informed:** Students are responsible for checking the SchoolNova website for all upcoming assignments and due dates.

My email is always open for questions and concerns from both students and parents. I look forward to a great year of learning and growing together!