

Reading Like Writers, Writing Like Readers
Reading of Memoir and Writing Big about Small Moments

Course Logistics

Grades 1-2

Dates: Session 1: June 28th -July 2nd

Time: 9:00-12:00

Price:

Teacher: Ms. Deutsch

Course Description

Based upon the Teachers College Reading and Writing Workshop format, this week will be devoted to first and second grade readers and writers who will be developing their growing skills for reading and writing, learning about its power and purpose. This week, students will be exposed to reading memoirs and studying the power of these texts. They will get ideas for ways to structure their own writing. Students will be reading memoirs, which are factual stories about someone's life told by that person.

The writing session will coincide with the reading unit. This week, the students will be writing their own memoirs. They will learn how to write small about big topics in their lives while adding their emotions to their stories. This week will allow them a unique experience to develop informed theories about the memories in their own lives. They will continue to learn to develop their stamina, fluency, and comprehension. Each day, students will participate in reading and writing mini-lessons, have time to read and write independently, engage in one-on-one conferences with the teacher, and receive individualized instruction. They will learn to deepen their reading comprehension and lift the level of their own writing through the use of a variety of literacy skills, strategies, tools, and mentor texts.

Target Skills

Reading

- Students will read with purpose and understanding.
- Students will read with independence.
- Students will read with accuracy and fluency.
- Students will use thinking stems to generate thinking before, during, and after reading.
- Students follow a timeline of events that happen to the characters in their stories.
- Students will recognize when they are having difficulty in figuring out a word.
 - They will apply word attack strategies where appropriate
 - They will expand on sight words to increase fluency
 - They will fix their reading if and when they make mistakes

Writing

- Writers will see themselves as authors, valuing moments in their lives.
- Writers make lists of people, places, and things to help generate a list of small moments from their lives to write about.
- Writers will be able to write with increased stamina.
- Writers will experience the writing process; Collecting, Rehearsing, Drafting, Revising, Editing, Publishing, Celebrating