

Creative Writing Syllabus Spring 2026

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Course Description:

Welcome to Creative Writing! This class is all about imagination, self-expression, and developing your voice as a writer. You will explore poetry, personal writing, fiction, picture book creation, and more. By the end of the semester, you will build a portfolio filled with original pieces that showcase your creativity and growth.

Materials:

- 1.5" or 2" Binder
- Notebook Paper
- Pencil/pen
- Binder Tabs

What You Will Learn:

- How to use imagery, sensory details, and figurative language
- How to write dialogue that sounds real and purposeful
- How to write poems, memoirs, short stories, and picture books
- How to revise your work to make it stronger
- How to participate in peer workshops and give helpful feedback

Units We Will Cover:

1. Writing Foundations & Imagery
2. Children's Picture Book Project
3. Poetry Portfolio
4. Memoir / Personal Essay
5. Short Story & Dialogue Writing
6. Final Writing Portfolio

Class Expectations:

- Try your best — perfection is not required
- Respect others' writing and ideas
- Participate in discussions and workshop days
- Turn in assignments on time
- Bring writing supplies daily

Late Work Policy:

Late work will be accepted within a reasonable timeframe for partial credit unless otherwise stated. Speak with me if you need more time — communication matters!