

# Writing with Confidence Workshop (Gr. 5&6)

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Objective: The objective of this class is for students to become more confident and comfortable with their writing. This is achieved through practice and sharing. Most all of the writing will be shared and we will work in pairs and groups as well.

Being able to write with confidence incorporates 5 strategies:

1. Making the writing process a habit
2. Build fluency and endurance
3. Modeled writing instruction - mini skills lessons
4. Scaffolded instruction
5. Mentor Texts - fiction and non-fiction

Every class period we will begin with a writing prompt that will cover different genres. I encourage peer collaboration in this class to help students gain confidence in writing. Students will have shared writings out loud.

Week 1: Writing prompts - What are your thoughts about writing? What is your favorite area to write about? Identify strengths and weaknesses in writing.

Week 2: Get over the "perfection paralysis" and talk about draft writing without worrying about spelling and editing. Learn to write fluently without stopping. Brain dump writing practice

Week 3: Free writing to build up endurance. Discuss: transitions, building strong sentences, writing engagement leads, using powerful verbs and eliminating dead words.

Week 4: Model graphic organizers that help develop confidence. Work on a graphic organizer in groups.

Week 5: Mentor texts - illustrations of fiction and non-fiction. What makes a piece of writing unique, interesting.

SESSION 1: 06/12-07/16 (TUE, THU) 1:00 P-2:50 P; Total Hours: 20

SESSION 2: 07/17-08/20 (TUE, THU) 1:00 P-2:50 P; Total Hours: 20