

# Mechanics of Writing

Mondays 4:30-5:30

This is a writing workshop specifically planned for young writers. Your kindergartener, first grader, or second grader will learn and build **foundational knowledge** that is important to writing development. We will focus on writing mechanics such as **punctuation, capitalization, and spelling**. They will learn how to put their ideas together and **organize them to write complete sentences and then short stories**.

**This class is 16 weeks long**. It takes time to build writing skills. Please keep in mind that these are **group classes**. If you want your child to receive individualized instruction time, please consider signing up for STA private tutoring.



January 11 - Writing Workshop overview
January 25 - Correct Capitalization
February 1 - Proper punctuation
February 8 - Super spelling
February 22 - Great grammar
March 1 - Brainstorming and planning for a short story (narrative)
March 8 - Drafting
March 22 - Revising and Editing
March 29 - Brainstorming and planning for persuasive writing
April 5 - Drafting
April 12 - Revising and Editing
April 19 - Brainstorming and planning for informational writing
April 26 - Drafting
May 3 - Revising and Editing
May 10 - Poetry
May 17 - Poetry

# Super STAAR Writing

Tuesdays 4:30-5:30

This writing workshop is made for students who are preparing for the **STAAR Writing Test**. Your third or fourth grader will learn the **requirements and the standards** they will have to meet to be successful STAAR writers. The students will look at **sample STAAR papers** and learn the **process of writing** a great essay. They will use STAAR prompts to **plan and write** their own essays. Also, the students will answer **revising and editing questions** similar to the questions on the STAAR.

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# STAAR

January 12 - Writing Workshop overview
January 26 - STAAR Samples
February 2 - STAAR Samples
February 9 - Brainstorming and planning with a prompt
February 23 - Drafting
March 2 - Revising and Editing, Final Copy
March 9 - Brainstorming and planning with a prompt
March 23 - Drafting
March 30 - Revising and Editing, Final Copy
April 6 - Brainstorming and planning with a prompt
April 13 - Drafting
April 20 - Revising and Editing, Final Copy
April 27 - Revising and Editing STAAR Questions
May 4 - Revising and Editing STAAR Questions
May 11 - Revising and Editing STAAR Questions
May 18 - Creative writing

# Advanced Writing

Tuesdays 5:30-6:30

This writing workshop is made for students who love writing or who want to build upon their strong writing skills. We will work on research writing and also fictional creative writing. The students will learn to **brainstorm, plan, and organize their research** into an essay, as well as **cite their sources** in a bibliography. They will also write a fictional story with great **detail** and **dialogue**.

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January 12 - Writing Workshop overview
January 26 - Brainstorming and planning (research)
February 2 - Researching and organizing
February 9 - Researching and organizing
February 23 - Drafting a research paper
March 2 - Drafting a research paper
March 9 - Drafting a research paper
March 23 - Citing Sources
March 30 - Revising and editing, Final Copy
April 6 - Brainstorming and planning (creative)
April 13 - Drafting
April 20 - Drafting
April 27 - Drafting
May 4 - Revising and editing, Final Copy
May 11 - Poetry
May 18 - Poetry