

Deborah McKew
Words in Play Writing Workshops

Writing well is a fundamental skill that crosses all disciplines. My goal as a writing instructor is to help students achieve greater success in academic and professional pursuits, no matter what the subject. In an interactive workshop environment, students learn that writing is fun; when they enjoy doing something, they improve at it fast. And better writers are better students in general.

I offer a variety of options for writing instruction, for example:

- ❖ mini workshops on specific writing topics
- ❖ six-week or eight-week course sessions that are held once per week
- ❖ private tutoring and enrichment

A sampling of courses

Creative Writing

This creative writing course will awaken the students' powers of observation, imagination, and language; introduce them to valuable craft basics; and take them on a tour through the forms of fiction, personal stories, and poetry. The course is designed to help writers of all levels discover and develop their unique voices. Classes are fun and pressure-free, yet they are designed to sharpen thinking and writing skills.

Poetry

Henry David Thoreau said that "poetry comes from the part of your vision that is in the corner of your eye." This class explores what he means by that. The workshop format includes poetry writing and reading, group discussion and creativity exercises.

Essay Writing

What is an essay and why do people write them? This workshop delves into the secret life of essays. Students will learn how to craft a persuasive essay on topics of their choice within a structured framework. The workshop format includes mini lectures on formal writing techniques, exercises to stimulate creativity and generate ideas, sessions on the process of writing and revision, peer critiques of student work and publication of their work.

How to reach me

For more information on course offerings, price schedules or to arrange a meeting, I can be reached by email at dmck3@adelphia.net or by phone at 763-5364.

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