Mehlville School District English Language Arts Grades 6 - 8, Duration 1 Semester

Rationale

Creative Writing engages the student in the artistic process and promotes skills necessary for the student's success in school and beyond.

Course Description

The creative writing student will write original narrative pieces and poetry through the writer's workshop. The student will explore a variety of techniques including the use of figurative language, generating writing ideas, and finding artistic inspiration. The student will share their work with peers and with outside audiences, including submitting works for publication.

Course Objectives

- 1. The student will write daily and will engage in the Writer's Workshop with an expectation of producing a minimum of 3 polished pieces during the semester to be shared with peers and outside audiences.
- 2. The student will apply pre-reading, during reading and post reading strategies for comprehension and interpretation by analyzing mentor texts.
- 3. The student will utilize the writing process to organize, revise, and produce original works in narratives and poetry while meeting deadlines.
- 4. The student will organize, revise, and edit their writing for both Standard English grammar and creative effect.
- 5. The student will listen effectively as demonstrated through a variety of oral and written responses, note taking, and classroom discussion.
- 6. The student will showcase fresh ideas and pay careful attention to meaningful word choice.
- 7. The student will develop a voice in their writing, an understanding of personal style, and pay careful attention to audience and purpose.

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