

Children have an uncanny ability to experience the world with wonder and often articulate that wonder in fascinating ways. Writing allows children to channel that wonder, even build on that wonder, and share it with others.

Inspired by our love of writing and our love of children, we are excited to offer Writers Experience, weekly writing groups, Monday – Friday, 10am – 12pm for 2nd and 3rd graders and 1pm – 3pm for 4th and 5th graders, and 6th grade alumni.

At Writers Experience, WE pride ourselves on recognizing and developing the stories within each child. WE create a fun, supportive, and engaging environment in which writers feel safe to take risks and make sense of their thoughts and ideas.

WE writers learn to appreciate the writing process, be independent, collaborate with other writers, and receive dedicated attention from seasoned teachers.

WE writers leave with a newfound appreciation and confidence in their ability to write because they know they have important things to say, as well as the tools and strategies necessary to develop and share their ideas with others. With their newly acquired skills and confidence, WE writers meet academic and social challenges with comfort and success.

In the week-long session WE writers experience:

* how writers observe their world
* how writing can help them make sense of their world
* the wonder of everyday things
* the beauty of words
* the art of expression
* different genres of writing
* the writing process (collaborating, drafting, revising, editing)
* a sense of audience and purpose

**Karen Kavalin** is a beloved first grade teacher at Franklin Elementary School. She is a gifted educator with over 20 years’ teaching experience, who recognizes and celebrates the talents and strengths in everyone.

**Rosanne L. Kurstedt,** Ph.D., is an adjunct literacy professor at Fordham University. She presents at national and international conferences on topics related to literacy, is an educational consultant, and co-author of *Teaching Writing with Picture Books as Models* (Scholastic, Inc., 2000). In addition, she is the author of an acclaimed picture book, *And I Thought About You.*

**Lindsey Dubman** is a fourth grade teacher at Franklin Elementary School where she has also taught second grade. She has two Masters degrees: one in Education and one in Administration, which speaks to her belief in continued learning and advanced studies.

**Check us out on the web at www.**W**riters**E**xperience.com**



**July 11-July 15 Observing and Recording our World**

During the week, writers focus on observation and noticing details. They will learn to describe ordinary things in extraordinary ways by integrating craft into their writing. Writers learn to focus on finding stories in their lives and noticing the details that make each event, person, or idea unique.

*Emphasis on:* Idea generation, observation, word choice, specificity, writing events in interesting and creative ways, and organization.

**Session 1: 10am – 12pm (Entering 2nd & 3rd Grade)**

**Session 2: 1pm – 3pm (Entering 4th & 5th Grade & Alumni)**

**$275.00 per session (all materials & snacks included). Ask about discounts for siblings.**

**Payment due by June 15.**

Each weekly writing group consists of a maximum of 10 writers, so space is limited.

If you have any questions or want to enroll your child please email us at [info@WritersExperience.com](mailto:info@WritersExperience.com).

You also can check us out on the web at www.WritersExperience.com

Writers Experience Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_DOB: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Circle Session You Wish to Attend: Session 1 (10am-12pm) Session 2 (1pm-3pm)

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I allow Writers Experience to post my child’s work on their website

I allow Writers Experience to post pictures of my child during the workshop on their website

*I waive and release Writers Experience and any persons associated with Writers Experience from all responsibility or liability should my child incur injury while attending Writers Experience.*

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Send registration and payment to Karen Kavalin, 1406 Park Place, Springfield, NJ 07081. Make checks payable to Karen Kavalin.**