



After School Learning Tree

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2012 Saturday Writing Class for 6th -- 8th Graders (January 14 --- June 9)

Dear Parents:

Our Writing Workshop during the Fall Session was a great success. The class worked diligently on a variety of writing assignments. We composed a creative narrative piece, wrote SAT-style instant-prompt essays, read and discussed several books, and worked hard on improving vocabulary. While this was a middle school level writing course, we worked at an 8th/ 9th grade level, and it was very pleasing to see that the students were able to meet the challenge. For most of our assignments, in fact, students usually met the requirements for "A" work. Of course, there is still much work to be done, so the class will continue on January 14 with a new 21-week writing seminar, which will end on June 8.

Good writers write, so in order to progress, our next course will concentrate on writing and revising one paper per month, as well as reading and discussing a book per month, and drilling on skills and vocabulary. Different expository writing assignments will help solidify correct sentence structure and the uses of grammar and punctuation. We will also have an oral presentation in which the students will present their written work in front of the class. The class literature will address a different thematic genre each month. The first book we read will be Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Hound of the Baskervilles," a classic mystery novel which will provide practice in 19th century English prose style, something they will often face in college English courses.

Have a great new year! I am looking forward to seeing the students once again this month.

Thank you,

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2012 Saturday Writing Workshop

Registration Form

Name:	Grade:	Gender:
E-mail:	Tel:	
Please check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Morning Class (10:45-12:45) <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon Class (1:30-3:30)		
Schedule: Jan 14—Jun 09 Every Saturday (Not including: April 16)		
Tuition: \$690 / 21weeks Check made payable to: After School Learning Tree Parents / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____		