Ms. Patterson 2015-2016

Creative Writing

Syllabus

**Course Objective**: To become familiar with the various genres of creative writing and to improve your creative writing abilities.

Quarter One

Poetry Writing:

* become familiar with poetry elements
* write weekly poems utilizing these elements
* participate in workshop sessions, sharing and critiquing classmates’ poems
* read & analyze published poems
* prepare a poem for a contest
* complete a poet study
* take a test on poetry elements

Quarter Two

Narrative Writing/ Intro to character & POV:

* become familiar with narrative structure and purpose
* write a narrative
* types of characters
* creating/developing characters for stories
* point of view types, advantages/disadvantages, methods

Quarter Three

**Short Story Writing**: plot/ conflict, characterization, setting, point of view, dialogue, show vs. tell, style

Quarter Four

Play Writing:

* compare play with story, analyzing structure
* become familiar with the elements of drama
* write a scene, focusing on conflict and character
* write a one act play

**ALL students will complete a *cumulative project worth 100 points* which will include writing from each quarter. *Save all of your work* throughout the year to make this possible.**

Creative Writing Grades:

**Writing –** 30%

**Assessments –** 50%

**ICW/participation –** 20%