

Lekha School of Creative Writing

After School Classes

Our After School Classes are conducted year round, developing children's writing skills in an organized manner. We currently offer these classes in two locations - West San Jose and Redwood City. We plan to come to Sunnyvale and Fremont in Jan 2011.

Children are guided by professional writers in the elements of story writing, poetry and songwriting, playwriting, speechwriting, and journalism in small classes. Students are encouraged to compete in local, state, and national writing competitions. If accepted by Lekha's Review Panel, Lekha Publishers LLC provides guidance for publishing the child's work.

The year is divided into sessions, so that new students can join an existing class on an equal footing. Classes are small with a maximum of six students in each class. We try to group students of similar creative ability together, therefore our intermediate and advanced levels do not adhere to age restrictions. The division by age that you see below is for guidance only. If the instructor feels that a student should be at a different level, the parent will be advised to consider a different class. For example if a fifth grader is seen to have a mature thought process and a level of storytelling that of an older child, an advanced group will be advised.

New students can register at the beginning of any session. In order to learn anything, a prolonged exposure to a subject is required. We suggest students enroll for a minimum of six months. Writing, just like any art, requires practice to perfect. In order to show consistent improvement in their creative writing ability we expect students of our after school classes to do some homework. New students are expected to do about 20 minutes of writing three times a week. Homework includes vocabulary work, writing practice, and completing work that was started during class. As time progresses, students will have more work to do.

Calendar and Schedule for June 2010 – May 2011

Creative Writing

Grades 2nd & 3rd

June	Long term project (choice of student)
July	Summer Break – no classes Students are recommended to continue work on their long term project
Aug 2 nd - Aug 28 th	Editing and Book making
Aug 30 th –Sep 9 th	Staff Development Week – no classes
Sept 10 th – October 21 st	Session 1 – Story Writing I
Oct 22 nd – Nov 23 rd	Session 2 – Poetry I
Nov 29 th – Dec 18 th	Session 3 - Overcoming Writer's Block
Dec 19 th – Dec 30 th	Winter Break - no classes
Jan 3 rd – Feb 19 th	Story Writing Genre I
Feb 21 st – Feb 26 th	President's Week
Feb 28 th – April 16 th	Speech and Playwriting
April 18 th June 30 th	Long Term Project (choice of student)

Grades 4th & 5th

June:	Story Writing (long term project)
July:	Summer Break – no classes Students are recommended to continue work on their long term project
Aug 2 nd - Aug 28 th	Edit Your Story
Aug 30 th –Sep 9 th	Staff Development Week – no classes
Sept 10 th – October 21 st	Session 1 – Story Writing II
Oct 22 nd – Nov 23 rd	Session 2 – Poetry II
Nov 29 th – Dec 18 th	Session 3 - Overcoming Writer's Block
Dec 19 th – Dec 30 th	Winter Break - no classes
Jan 3 rd – Feb 19 th	Story Writing Genre II
Feb 21 st – Feb 26 th	President's Week
Feb 28 th – April 16 th	Speech and Playwriting
April 18 th June 30 th	Long Term Project (choice of student)

Calendar and Schedule for June 2010 – May 2011

Grades 6th – 8th

June:	Story Writing (long term project)
July:	Summer Break – no classes Students are recommended to continue work on their long term project
Aug 2 nd - Aug 28 th	Edit Your Story
Aug 30 th – Sep 9 th	Staff Development Week – no classes
Sept 10 th – October 21 st	Session 1 – Story Writing Genre III
Oct 22 nd – Nov 23 rd	Session 2 – Poetry III
Nov 29 th – Dec 18 th	Session 3 - Overcoming Writer’s Block
Dec 19 th – Dec 30 th	Winter Break - no classes
Jan 3 rd – Jan 22 nd	Story Writing – Setting, Action, and climax
Jan 24 th - Feb 19 th	Playwriting
Feb 21 st – Feb 26 th	President’s Week
Feb 28 th – April 16 th	Journalism
April 18 th June 30 th	Long Term Project (choice of student)

High School

Young adults of this age that are interested in creative writing are typically those who have developed a good writing voice and are on their way to being published. At Lekha we use this time to guide them in this process. Younger students who are ready are welcome to join this class.

Academic Writing

Grades 2nd & 4th

Sept 10 th – October 21 st	Session 1 – Sentence Structure and Punctuation
Oct 22 nd – Nov 23 rd	Session 2 – The basic paragraph
Nov 29 th – Dec 18 th	Session 3 - Reading Comprehension and How to Get it Right
Dec 19 th – Dec 30 th	Winter Break - no classes
Jan 3 rd – Feb 19 th	The Three Paragraph Essay (Narrative and Persuasive)
Feb 21 st – Feb 26 th	President's Week
Feb 28 th – April 16 th	Review of Grade Level English/ Language Arts Requirements and Test Taking Techniques
April 18 th June 30 th	Expository Essays – An Introduction to the different types
July	Summer Break – No Class
August 1 st – 31 st	Overview of Grade Level English/ Language Arts Requirements

Grades 4th & 5th

Sept 10 th – October 21 st	Session 1 – Paragraph Structure and Grammar
Oct 22 nd – Nov 23 rd	Session 2 – Response to Literature
Nov 29 th – Dec 18 th	Session 3 - Presenting written work – Book reports and reviews
Dec 19 th – Dec 30 th	Winter Break - no classes
Jan 3 rd – Feb 19 th	The Three Paragraph Essay in Detail (Narrative and Persuasive)
Feb 21 st – Feb 26 th	President's Week
Feb 28 th – April 16 th	Review of Grade Level English/ Language Arts Requirements and Test Taking Techniques
April 18 th June 30 th	Expository Essays – Organizing and planning out a good essay
July	Summer Break – No Class
August 1 st – 31 st	The Five Paragraph Essay

Grades 5th – 7th

Sept 10 th – October 21 st	Session 1 – Research and Organization
Oct 22 nd – Nov 23 rd	Session 2 – Review and Evaluation
Nov 29 th – Dec 18 th	Session 3 - Response to Literature
Dec 19 th – Dec 30 th	Winter Break - no classes
Jan 3 rd – Feb 19 th	Writing Applications – Essays, genres and their characteristics
Feb 21 st – Feb 26 th	President’s Week
Feb 28 th – April 16 th	Review of Grade Level English/ Language Arts Requirements and Test Taking Techniques
April 18 th June 30 th	Expository Essays – Organizing and planning out a good essay
July	Summer Break – No Class
August 1 st – 31 st	The Five Paragraph Essay

High School

Because of the large volume of homework High School students tend to have the classes will be tailored to the needs of the students. Please feel free to contact us for more information at info@lekhapublishers.com or at (408) 429-8880

Class Timings 2010 - 2011

W. San Jose

4204 Latimer Ave, San Jose, CA 95130

Creative Writing

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	Saturday
10:30 - 11:30AM										2nd & 3rd
2:00 - 3:00PM										High School
4:00 - 5:00PM	2nd & 3rd	4th & 5th	2nd & 3rd	Middle School	2nd & 3rd	4th & 5th	2nd & 3rd	4th & 5th	2nd & 3rd	
5:15 - 6:15PM	Middle School	4th & 5th	2nd & 3rd	4th & 5th	2nd & 3rd	Middle School	2nd & 3rd	Middle School	4th & 5th	
6:30 - 7:30PM	High School*		High School		High School		High School		Middle School	

Academic Writing

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10:30 - 11:30AM						2nd & 3rd
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5:15 - 6:15PM	2nd & 3rd	4th & 5th		5th-7th		
6:30 - 7:30PM	5th-7th	High School	4th & 5th	High School	5th-7th	

Redwood City

2000 Woodside Road, Redwood City, CA 94061

Creative Writing

	Monday	Thursday
4:00 - 5:00PM	Middle School	2nd & 3rd
5:15 - 6:15PM	High School	4th & 5th

Academic Writing

	Monday	Thursday
4:00 - 5:00PM	5th-7th	2nd & 3rd
5:15 - 6:15PM	8th & High School	4th & 5th

ALL CLASSES AND TIMINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Fees

Creative Writing

All classes have a minimum of three students and a maximum of six students.

Elementary School: \$90/month

Middle School: \$90/month

High School: \$90/month

Annual Registration fees: \$45 (prorated)

Academic Writing

Elementary and middle school classes have a minimum of three students and maximum of six students while high school classes have a maximum of three students.

Elementary School: \$90/month

Middle School: \$90/month

High School: \$120/month

Annual Registration fees: \$45 (prorated)

Sunnyvale and Fremont

Locations and schedule to be decided

We are in negotiations with locations to start after school classes in these two locations starting January 2011.