An opportunity to...
Play with voices and words
Share your writing
Celebrate yourself as a writer
Create poetry, fiction, memoirs

Who can participate?
Any student in grades 3–5 or teacher who likes to write or wants to start writing should check this out!

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Gateway Writing Project
at The University of Missouri-St. Louis
Penneg Conference Center
Elementary Writing Festival 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014

A Youth Writing Event for Students in Grades 3-5 and their Teachers

The day includes...
Two morning sessions focused on improving writing skills and style.

After lunch we will feature a celebration of writing for students and teachers.

Sign up for mini-sessions on your registration form.

9:30–10:00 a.m.
Registration

10:10–11:00 a.m.
Mini-Session #1
See descriptions in brochure.

11:10 a.m.–noon
Mini-Session #2
See descriptions in brochure.

12:00–12:30 p.m.
LUNCH: bring brown bag lunch. GWP will provide drinks and cookies.

12:30–1:15 p.m.
Celebration of Writing

Sponsored by the Gateway Writing Project
& School of Professional and Continuing Studies
**Tips for teachers**

These tips will help you and your students have a good time.

**Before the Festival:**
- Promote student participation.
- Remind students to return entry forms to you with their $20 registration fee.
- (Schools have the option of paying for students with a credit card or a P.O.)
- Remind students to bring a LUNCH.

**During the Sessions:**
- Participate in the sessions just like the student writers.
- Write with the students.
- Consider how to adapt or extend activities in your own classroom.

**During the Lunch:**
- Sit with your students.
- Engage students in conversations about their writing or sessions.
- Conduct a mini-sharing session at your table.
- Help students choose one piece (or an excerpt from a piece) to share with the large group after lunch.

One teacher may attend free for every five paid student registrations.

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**Morning Sessions**

A. **The Wonder of Writing**  Mrs. Murray
Ideas to write about are everywhere. Stories and poetry can come from history, science, and even math! Come learn more about the art of language and how you can find the words to express your ideas about the world.

B. **I Am a Writer!**  Mrs. Roslawski
Come explore what makes you unique as a writer. Experience ways to make you a fierce writer as you learn how to create a free verse poem.

C. **A Flight of Imagination**  Mrs. Lewis
Our imaginations can take us any place. Come use illustrations and words to prompt your imagination to take you on an adventure where you will write or draw something uniquely your own. Imagine a house, a friend, a game, or whatever you want and take a flight of fantasy that lets your imagination go where it has never gone before.

D. **My Many Colored Days**  Mrs. O’Daniels
Do you want to write a poem like Dr. Seuss? Together, we will read his book *My Many Colored Days*. After looking at the ways Dr. Seuss makes his writing more interesting, you will craft your own color poems. You could be the next Dr. Seuss!

E. **Put your Heart on Paper**  Mrs. Hodges
How can a letter that’s written from your heart touch the heart of someone you care about? Explore some ways that help you write a letter that a special person will treasure.

F. **Writing is for the Birds**  Mrs. O’Brien
Meet Mango the parrot (a real one) and Izzy, his owner, a 7th grader. Find out about him and gather details that will help you write a story, poem or song using Mango as your inspiration. If we are lucky, Mango will share a few words of his own!

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**Registration**

Name: _____________________________________________

School Name: _____________________________________________

School Phone: _____________________________________________

Grade in School: ______________

Home Phone: _____________________________________________

List the SESSION LETTER of your top three choices for the morning mini-sessions:

1st choice:____ 2nd choice:____ 3rd choice:____

I give permission for my child’s writing and photograph and/or video to be included in the 2014 Gateway Writing Project Youth Writing Festival publication. This publication will be posted on the GWP website (http://ce.umsl.edu/gwp), a not-for-profit forum for the celebration of writing completed during the festival.

Parent’s Signature and Date

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Parent’s Email Address: _____________________________________________

Registration is $20 per student—including cinch bag, a drink and cookie. Payable by check to the University of Missouri—St. Louis. Credit cards or school P.O.’s preferred. Please use the following link to register:

Questions about registration payment?  Contact:

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Registration Deadline: May 1, 2014