



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child to the Young Writers Camp for 2019! I also would like to introduce myself, my fellow teachers, and provide you with an overview of the next two weeks.

My name is Greg Maigur, and I am the site facilitator as well as the instructor for the Mystery, Science Fiction, Horror and Fantasy writing class. I am a secondary Social Studies teacher who has been with the Central Bucks School District for the past 18 years. I became a Fellow of the Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project (PAWLP) after completing the Institute in 2015. The PAWLP experience has been one of the most rewarding professional development experience of my career and has revolutionized my approach to teaching. I am hoping to capture my love for reading and writing and all things scary and fantastical in this camp and to ignite your child's passion for creating stories.

Rita DiCarne is a PAWLP Writing Fellow; she teaches 7th grade ELA at Our Lady of Mercy in Maple Glen, PA. and has her MA in English. You can find her blog, "Practicing What I Teach," at [ritadicarne.com](http://ritadicarne.com). Rita will be running the Young Readers and Writers camp for late elementary and middle grade students and looks forward to sharing her love of reading and writing with them.

Sarah Burkholder is currently a Reading Specialist at Butler Elementary in the Central Bucks School District. She has completed nine years of teaching where she's had the privilege of teaching fifth grade, second grade, and kindergarten! She became a PAWLP Fellow in 2015 and has been teaching YRYW for three years. Sarah will be running the Young Readers and Writers Camp for early elementary grades and and can't wait to share her passion of reading and writing with your child this summer.

A Writer's Notebook will be provided and used throughout the program giving your child a place to live like a writer; acting as a scrapbook to collect important relics from their lives, enabling them to react to the world around them, conjuring up memories that have a way of embedding themselves in special places, and digging out the crystals from within. You may notice incomplete pieces, seed ideas, mind pictures, and small moments, in his/her notebook, and that's okay. Your child is learning that writing is a process, scraping at the heart, and that it takes practice and courage to say exactly what you think and feel.

The writing camp will focus on teaching the writer as we engage our students in wonderful Mentor Texts, igniting the writer's imagination, enabling them to notice things about the author's craft, and empowering them to try something new. The next two weeks will be filled with reading, writing, creating, and sharing, as your child reveals immeasurable growth as a reader and writer.

The camp will meet at Groveland Elementary School the weeks of July 22<sup>nd</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be no class on Fridays, July 26<sup>th</sup> or August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pick up and drop off for the camp will take place on the right parking lot (parents drop-off.) I will be hosting a brief meeting with parents on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss logistics for the camp near the main entrance to Groveland. I am looking forward to working with your child in the Young Readers and Writers Summer Institute as we... ***"write to share, write to learn, and write to grow."***

Sincerely,

Greg Maigur  
Young Readers and Young Writers  
Camp Facilitator