

# School Year 2021-2022: Back to School Night @ LJMS

Creative Writing



# Welcome and Introductions



Hello! Welcome to Creative Writing!

- ❑ My name is Lauren Gustafson
- ❑ My overarching goal for this course is to foster a lifelong love of writing and storytelling in young people. Students will also gain practical experience with the 5-stage writing process.

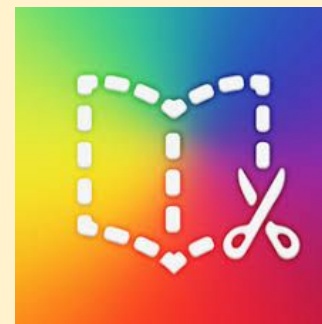


# Curriculum

- ❑ The creative writing curriculum focuses on specific areas of writing skills which are in alignment with Portrait of a Graduate (POG) outcomes
- ❑ Each area will be viewed as a process, integrating student interests and experiences to improve overall writing skills
- ❑ The course will allow students to use creative, analytical, and evaluative thinking skills in order to plan, draft, edit, and revise writing in a variety of genres
- ❑ Social and emotional learning outcomes will be monitored through journals and regularly scheduled teacher-student conferences

# Class and Assignment Information

- ❑ A “typical” class will usually consist of a variety of writing activities, including:
  - ❑ A 10-minute daily write
  - ❑ Collaborative readings and discussions of multimedia source material
  - ❑ Pre-writing, writing, editing, and/or polishing of material
  - ❑ Peer review and feedback
  
- ❑ Units this semester include:
  - ❑ Poetry
  - ❑ Short stories
  - ❑ Creative nonfiction
  - ❑ Plays



One of the digital tools we'll be using is **Book Creator** (<https://bookcreator.com/>)

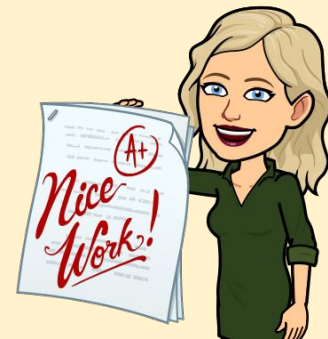
# Homework Information

- ❑ Any classwork not completed in class will become homework
- ❑ Students will have time in class to work on projects, though it is recommended that students continue to work on projects at home



# Assessments and Grading Policies

- ❑ Practice  
Will be graded and count towards the cumulative overall grade
- ❑ Mastery  
Will be graded and count towards the cumulative overall grade
- ❑ Non-Graded Practice  
May or may not be scored and will not count towards the cumulative overall grade



# Communication Protocols

- ❑ All teachers can be reached through the main office at **(703) 204-8100**.
- ❑ My preferred (and the most efficient) mode of contact is email. I can be reached at [lgustafson@fcps.edu](mailto:lgustafson@fcps.edu). I typically respond within 24 hours

