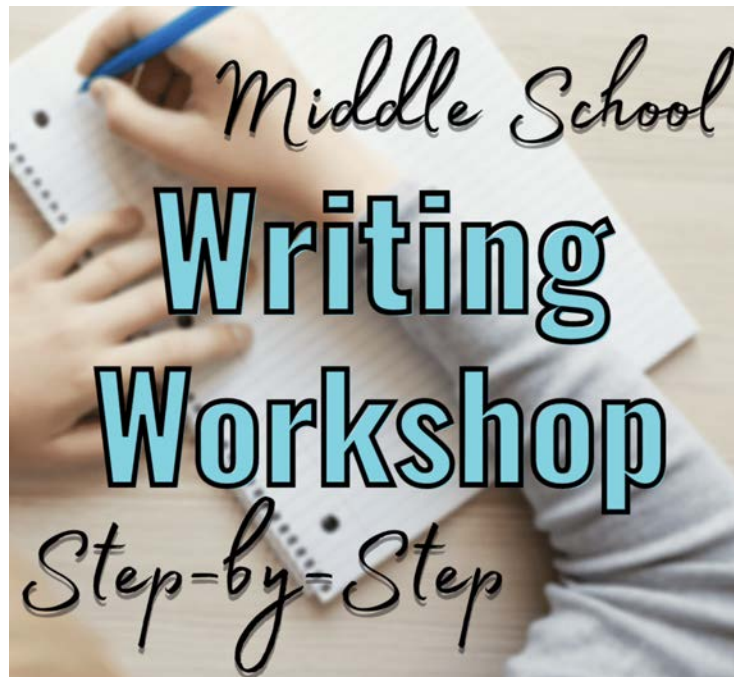


Starting November 1, 2023, students in 8th Grade ELA will be focused on writing an individual writing portfolio. Please make sure all the steps and due dates are followed.

Middle school writer's workshop works for three reasons.

1. Students learn to write best through practicing writing.
2. Students will write more and be more invested in the topic of their choosing.
3. Workshop models enable students to begin taking control of their own learning and think of themselves as writers. Through our workshops we don't only address writing, we also address punctuation, sound sentences, capitalization, and a host of other skills.



1. Students must sit in their assigned seat.
2. Privacy dividers must be used.
3. Bookbags need to be on the floor, only the iPad and a notebook if you prefer planning / writing on paper while writing in Good Notes.
4. Students will use Good Notes and must have a charged iPad for every class period
5. **Notebook for writing to think** - Actually, it's for a scientific reason! Yes, scientific research and technology has proven that handwriting certain information is essential for our brains to be creative.

Does GoodNotes convert handwriting to text?

Tap on the selection and tap Convert > Text. Tap the Convert button in the upper right to replace the handwriting with the text. The text will have roughly the same size as the original handwriting, and its color will be the same as the first letter of the handwriting.

6. Teacher led **Mini-Lessons** will begin the first 10 minutes of class and may be followed by an assignment due in **SeeSaw**. Lessons will vary based on student needs.

7. Tools and strategies are shared in Archie:

★ *Banish Boring Words is a mandatory book for revising each chapter.*

★ *5 Tricks that break writer's block*

★ **My Writing Portfolio**

[the entire project file must be used & downloaded into Good Notes.

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Organizing Good Notes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqsQ3tWBA9s>

Create a Folder called: My Writing Portfolio

Title Page

Table of Contents [Epilogue, Chapters 1 - 25, ends with a Prologue]

Make sure to organize notes by chapters (there are 25 chapters required for the portfolio.

Every 5 chapters you will submit the pdf file in Archie for a Quiz grade.

Writing drafts may include notes, handwritten items and personal doodles.

[Note: Final Drafts may also include handwritten sections and personal doodles appropriate for the writing in your portfolio]

The final draft must be printed and submitted as a final BOOK version of the Portfolio for two test grades.

Chapters can include notes used for planning, pictures, doodles, original formatting of each chapter. Many of you may use Canvas for formatting ideas and then import to your Good Notes Writing Portfolio. No movie files.

Good Notes Top 4 Mind Mapping Methods:

<https://www.goodnotes.com/blog/mind-mapping-methods>

Exporting Good Notes to .pdf for Archie uploads:

<https://support.goodnotes.com/hc/en-us/articles/360000630495--GoodNotes-5-Export-documents-or-pages-in-GoodNotes-5>

Using Good Notes for effective iPad notes (watch on your own 11 minutes):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtLhLfH4qEI>