

# Writers Camp

Reflections

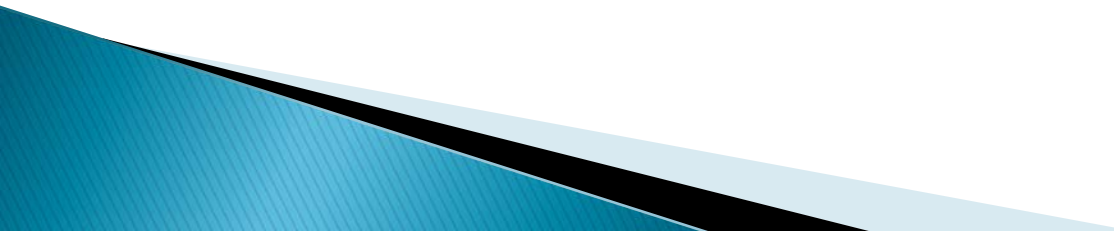
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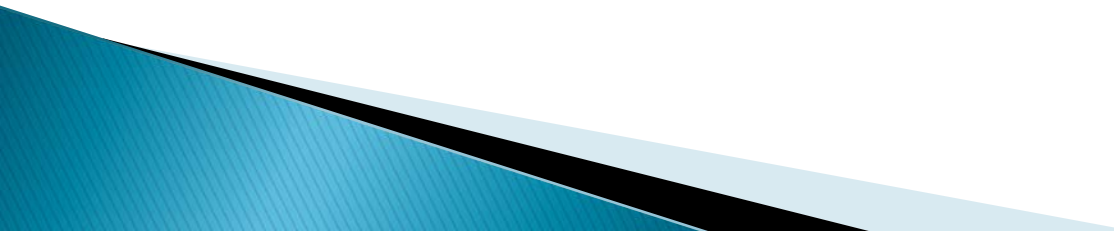
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- ▶ 36 students
    - 20 Girls
    - 16 Boys
    - 22 students grades 5/6
    - 14 students grades 7/8
    - 33 CCSD students
    - 3 out-of-district students
  - ▶ 12 Chappaqua teachers
  - ▶ Facilitated by Shelley Harwayne
  - ▶ Half-day morning sessions with students over two week period (August 12–23)
  - ▶ Half-day afternoon professional development sessions with teachers
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- ▶ Large group lessons, readings, and analysis of texts
  - ▶ Small group instruction and collaboration
  - ▶ Time for students to write independently while teachers conferred with individuals and met with small groups
  - ▶ Celebration with parents on last day, including a 30 minute parent workshop with Shelley
  - ▶ Published an anthology of student work
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# Value for Students

- ▶ Built enthusiasm about writing
- ▶ Built a community of writers
- ▶ Allowed focused time for writing each day
- ▶ Provided targeted individual instruction and skill development
- ▶ Provided opportunities for peer and adult feedback



# Value for teachers



- ▶ Provided a venue for professional discourse and growth around the teaching of writing
- ▶ Created opportunities to confer with students, observe an expert and each other in conferences and small groups
- ▶ Opportunities to connect and collaborate with colleagues across schools and levels



# Celebrate our work!

