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Writing Circles: A Collaborative Model for Writing Workshop

January 30, 2014 • 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Presenter: Jim Vopat



Description:

Ever wish there was a structure that let students work collaboratively to generate writing topics, complete drafts, learn and practice positive ways of response, and develop published pieces? To give every student in the class a feeling of success, a sense of what it means to be a writer? Writing circles are here to grant those wishes. Experience what Harvey Daniels describes as “a genuine departure and an exciting step ahead” in writing instruction (Foreword to Jim Vopat’s *Writing Circles* book).

Key Words:

- Collaborative writing
- Writing workshop
- Differentiated instruction,
- Common core State Standards in Writing

About the Presenter:

Micro Lessons in Writing and *Writing Circles* are the latest innovations in Jim Vopat’s career-long pursuit of powerful writing instruction and collaboration. At the core of Jim’s work are his beliefs that every student is a writer, and that every teacher is a teacher of writing. To this end, he founded and currently co-directs the Milwaukee Writing Project. Jim’s other publications include influential essays about writing and parent-family partnerships, a series of parent-leadership video tapes, and *What Makes Writing Good*, *The Parent Project*, and *More than Bake Sales*. Jim has been a senior Fulbright Scholar to Sri Lanka and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Washington-Seattle.

Who should attend: Grades 1—6 teaching staff, Literacy Coaches, and Administrators

Registration Details

- **Date:** January 30, 2014
- **Registration Fee:**
 - ✓ \$145.00 per participant for CESA 6 districts that belong to the Title IIA Consortium; all other school districts- \$195.00 per person.
 - ✓ Fee includes materials, lunch and continental breakfast
- **Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- **Onsite check-in:** 8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- **Location:** CESA 6 Conference Center
2300 State Road 44, Oshkosh WI 54903
- **Registration Deadline:** December 23, 2014
- **Online registration:**
http://www.cesa6.k12.wi.us/prof_dev/

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Participant Name(s) _____

Position(s) _____ District _____

Phone (Work) _____ (Home) _____

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CESA 6, 2935 Universal Court, Oshkosh, WI 54904, Fax: 920-424-3478

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(CESA 6 employed staff ONLY)
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