

The Meadow Brook Writing Project presents
Side by Side Symposium 2015
Artful Instruction: The Rewards of a Creative Pedagogy
 An "Unconference"

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Session A
Room 100B	<p><i>Joining the Literacy Conversation</i> Facilitator: Jenifer DeBellis <u>Description:</u> An important component of fostering students' compositional and creative writing skills is helping them learn literary language so they can participate in and contribute to larger discussions that focus on craft elements. By helping students learn literary language and inviting them into the larger craft discussions, they are also equipped with resources they can apply to their own writing. This session initiates a discussion about strategies and spaces that invite students—in their various learning stages—to read like writers and write like writers as they learn, retain, and apply literary language within the context(s) it was designed to be used.</p>
11:00 – 12:00 noon	Session B
Room 100B	<p><i>Creative Pedagogies</i> Facilitator: Kathleen Lawson <u>Description:</u> This session will begin with a discussion about creative pedagogy and inquiry and will be focused upon the production and analysis of visual texts. Both teachers and students can reap the rewards of intertextuality. Producing and encountering works of visual arts can help teachers engage students and build literacy skills. The discussion will lead to exploration of other creative pedagogical approaches that build learning, reading and writing communities.</p>
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Session C
Room 100B	<p><i>Writing as an Art</i> Facilitator: Felecia Branch <u>Description:</u> This session will begin with a conversation about art in the classroom; art can be a powerful springboard for creative writing. The conversation will continue to investigate the variety of ways that art can be used in the classroom to promote writing skills as well as to create written art forms that allow students to develop voice, imagination and visual awareness.</p>
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Follow-up Conversations and Announcements

Rules for the "unconference":

- Sessions begin with a facilitator on a particular topic and last about 45 minutes; the balance of time is for networking, socializing, and taking breaks.
- Sessions are facilitated discussions, not presentations.
- Bring supplies, handouts, or simply your own experiences.
- The goal of each session is to generate new ideas through collaborative discussions.

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