Five Course Choices:
All About Me: Creative Writing and Expression
Telling Our Stories: Memoir and the Oral Tradition
Arthropod Adventure
The Space Inside the Box
Awesome Art: Form, Function, and Design

NOTE: Students must be at least five years old by February 1, 2013 and enrolled in kindergarten

All About Me: Creative Writing and Expression
Young writers, grab your pencils! Come learn how to express yourself through writing! We will use brainstorming, prewriting, editing, and peer collaboration to create poems, letters, and short stories that tell us all about you. Everyone will be given the opportunity to share their favorite piece of writing in front of an audience. At the end of the course, you will leave with a portfolio of writing that can be cherished for years to come.

Telling Our Stories: Memoir and the Oral Tradition
Can you imagine life before television and the internet? In our storytelling class, we will investigate storytelling as a basic human experience. We will imagine life before the electronic age and practice appealing to our listeners’ many senses as we create images without screens. From traditions near and far, we will explore a variety of storytelling forms and uses such as folktales, fairy tales, fables, tall tales, book talks, personal narratives, and pourquoi stories. You will choose and tailor stories to tell; and through playful improvisational games, you will learn techniques to develop voice, facial and body expression, and eye contact. All the while, you will be creating a storyteller's notebook—using writing and drawing to create, remember, and embellish stories.

Arthropod Adventure
Do you think six-legged or eight-legged creatures are cool? Do you find yourself on the lookout to uncover and examine theses amazing creatures? Welcome to the world of entomology! In this course we will focus on the busy, fascinating world of insects that live all around us. As we observe and draw, you will discover that insects and arachnids have similar bodies but look very different and live all over the world! You’ll be able to name the different parts of insect bodies and tell how an insect uses each part to move, eat or protect itself. Let’s see where our scientific exploration will take us---it won’t be gross but you will learn a lot!

The Space Inside the Box
Explore the environment around you and take as second look at everyday objects! Use these observations to start exploring the exciting world of architecture. Creativity will flow as we take on 3-dimensional projects and ask ourselves, “What else could this be?” Collaboration is important as we work to create the exciting “kid-centered town” of their imaginations casting aside the traditional image of what a house looks like. How does our town compare to the actual built environments of Highland School and Warrenton? “Out of the Box” thinking will rule as we strive to better understand the “space inside the box.”

Awesome Art: Form, Function, and Design
What elements do artists include in their work? Come learn basic art elements as you explore various art forms through the works of celebrated artists. You will be introduced to a variety of media as you create your own two-dimensional and three-dimensional designs. You will build your awareness of art principles as you develop and shape your visual art foundations.