

It's time for the Braeside Writers Conference 2015!

All documents must be shared with your classroom teacher and Ms. Parker (dparker@nssd112.org) as soon as you begin to write! You should make sure to start your writing (and share the document) by Friday, January 9th.

GUIDELINES:

1. You can choose to write something in one of the following styles:

- * Creative
- * Narrative
- * Opinion
- * Poetry
- * Informative
- * Expository
- * Journalistic Article

2. You may create a new piece of writing or use an existing piece of writing from this school year. If you use an existing piece of writing, you should plan to revise and/or add to it.

***VERY IMPORTANT: You will be working on your chosen piece starting in December until the day of the conference. *This means you are not expected to be finished with your writing at any time, even the day of the conference.* At the conference, you will be presenting a draft (unfinished or nearly finished) to your group and group leader. It is expected that you will be consistently using feedback from others to rewrite and revise.

***ALSO VERY IMPORTANT: If you are choosing to write the beginning of a longer piece (such as, a chapter book) please only submit the first chapter or few chapters to your group. We will not be able to read and revise a piece that is longer than 8 pages.

3. Please keep writing school appropriate.

4. All documents must be typed in Google Docs and shared with your classroom teacher and Ms. Parker (dparker@nssd112.org).

5. Documents must be double spaced.

6. We will begin work in small "writers' groups" beginning in January. This will involve meeting bi-monthly in small groups in January, February, and March. You will be expected to use feedback from these meetings towards your writing.

7. Must be Arial font, 12 pt. (Do not type in all caps.)

8. Documents should not exceed 8 pages.

9. When you submit your final draft for the conference, you should have a title page that includes the following information:

Title
Author
Grade
Teacher
School
Date

10. The final draft you will be submitting to the conference must be finished by **Friday, March 27th**.

****Have fun and enjoy the writing process!****