

Anne Margaret Lewis

Specialized Presentations

Writer's Workshop – Grades 5th and 6th

As a publisher, editor, and author, Anne Margaret will work with individual classes for writer's workshop sessions. Her writer's workshops are approached from the publisher's and editor's point-of-view. She will lead the students on a powerful journey of reviewing and editing a piece of work already published by Mackinac Island Press. She will share with them the arduous, yet exciting processing of watching a manuscript transform through the numerous editing phases of creating a book. It will be through their own editing in teams, of a supplied manuscript, that students will discover their ability to be objective, thoughtful, and creative as they themselves transform a piece of work into something completely different. In the workshop they will be given the powerful "Red" pen to assist in their editing – kids love it! They will discover that if they have the ability to edit another author's work, they will have a newfound ability to edit their own work more objectively and thoroughly and get to understand that their jobs as students are not so different then that of editors and publishers.

They will also learn through this process, that accepting critique is key to opening the mind to opportunity—not only the opportunity to better their story, but to bettering oneself.

Lastly, the students will be given the task of writing an eight-page story, one to two sentences per page, for a new product being produced called Printoons™ Storybook Activity Kits. Printoons™ is Fingerprint Art, and the Storybook Acitivity Kits are books where the story is provided and the child creates the illustrations with Fingerprint Art. This will help bring students into the real world of writing assignments. They will understand that in the real world of business, there are different writing tasks, tasks that have real parameters and deadlines. This is a fun and exciting project for the students! They will be given the characters and subject matters to create their stories and finally be given an opportunity to present them to the class. This helps them build confidence and self-esteem in their work.

Anne Margaret Lewis' Writer's Workshop comes highly recommended and is a great opportunity for your students to be thrown into the real world of publishing, editing, and writing for a day!

