

SUMMER AT



Emerson

FROM HOME



iCamp

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLINE CAMP PROGRAM





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ABOUT

Welcome to iCamp! Emerson School is thrilled to offer an extension of Summer at Emerson From Home specifically designed for students who have finished grades 5-8. These camps will focus primarily on social interaction and engagement through a series of both academic and non-academic camps.

LEADERSHIP

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CONTACT AND INFORMATION

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CAMP DATES

- Week of July 13-17
- Week of July 20-24
- Week of July 27-31
- Week of August 3-7
- Week of August 10-14

Please note that we will be adding more camps to this program as the summer progresses.

Please refer to our website for more updates!

REGISTRATION

You can register for iCamp RIGHT NOW. If you already have an account for our virtual summer camp or past traditional camps, no need to make a new one! Families will be able to register for iCamp through the same online portal at www.emerson-school.org/summer. If you are a returning family, your login and password remain the same. There is a link to retrieve this information on the main page if you need it.

If you do NOT have an account yet, registering for our camps continues to be an easy process through our online registration portal. For new families, simply go online to set up your account.

1. Visit www.emerson-school.org/summer
2. Click on the Register Online Link.
3. Click on Create an Account and follow the on-screen steps.



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GRADE LEVELS

All camps are designed for students who have completed grades specified in the camp description during the 2019-2020 School Year. Grade levels are set by the instructor and will not be altered.

CAMP TIMES

iCamp will run from July 13-August 14. Camps will run Monday-Friday for 1-1.5 hours. While we will still hold morning and afternoon camps, each specific camp starting time will be determined by the instructor and noted in the camp description.

CAMP FEES AND PAYMENT

Our online camps range from \$60-\$95, as noted in the camp's description. For some camps, there might be additional costs for supplies, applications, and other such things that a camper would need in order to fully participate. This will be noted clearly in the camp description. We accept payment through electronic funds transfer, VISA, and MasterCard. All paper checks received will be processed electronically. Payment in full is expected by each camp's start date.

CAMP WITHDRAWALS

Given the time frame and reformatting traditional camps to an online experience, if a registered camper decides not to attend, we may be unable to refund the camp fee.

CAMP CANCELLATIONS

Summer at Emerson from Home reserves the right to cancel any camp if minimum enrollment is not met. If this is the case, you will be notified via email. Deposits for cancelled camps will be refunded in full.

CAMP LIMITS AND WAITING LISTS

Some of our camps require more personalized one-on-one interaction with the instructor than others. As a result, there are differences in camp prices. This will be noted clearly in the camp description. Much like our traditional camps, you will still have the option to join an online waiting list if a camp has reached its maximum capacity and is full. There is no deposit to join a waiting list, and you will be notified via email if a spot becomes available.

TECHNOLOGY

Each one of our instructors has selected an easy-to-use online platform through which they will deliver their content, as noted in their camp descriptions. In order to access these programs, all participants must have a device that has a camera, microphone, and sound. Technical support will be available to help troubleshoot certain software issues, but will be limited in relation to any hardware-related issues. Please read the camp descriptions to thoroughly understand what applications you will need to participate. All registered campers will receive an email from their instructors at least a week before their camp begins with all of the necessary links and passwords to access the correct program and camp.



CAMPER SUPPLIES

Some of our camps require additional materials in order to receive the full camp experience. Most of these materials will be common household items or easy-to-find supplies from a local store. Make sure to read the “*Campers Will Need*” section in each camp description to know what to acquire before the camp begins. If a camp does not specify anything in this section, you will only need your device to participate in the camp. If you are unable to find some specific supplies, not to worry! You will still have a fun camp experience.

***To assure the safety of our campers and families, Emerson School will not be providing any supply pick-ups or deliveries.*

PHOTOGRAPHY

During camp, your child’s instructor may take screenshots that could possibly be used in future *Summer at Emerson from Home* publications, social media promotions, or advertisements. It is our policy not to publish any camper’s name with any photographs. Please contact the Summer Director in writing prior to your child attending camp if you wish to exclude your child from any photographs.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: If I have already registered for traditional camps, do I need to re-register for their online versions?

A: Yes. Our instructors are working hard to transfer their traditional camps to virtual formats, and some aspects will be different. We want to make sure all families are aware of any differences in content and pricing before signing up.





WEEK OF JULY 13-17

Permaculture Gardening Skills (Completed Grades 5-8)

Learn about how to use “permaculture” principles to build and manage a garden! Each day, you’ll get to watch and interact with Emerson School’s Permaculture Garden teacher Matt as he teaches you a different garden skill. Skills will include how to care for chickens, how to plant different kinds of trees and vegetables, how to make and use compost and improve soil, how to “vermicompost” with worms, and how to design a permaculture garden for your own home or yard. In addition to demonstrating and discussing these skills, he will provide a variety of videos and projects as optional follow-up activities to help your learning go as deep as you want to go!

Instructor: Matt Nolan

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

Online Program: Zoom

Class Limit: 14

Fee: \$60

The Perfect 5 Paragraph Paper (Completed Grades 5-8)

Want to perfect your basic writing techniques? This camp will cover the range of skills required to complete a five paragraph paper with confidence!

Instructor: Carol Kelly

Camp Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

Online Program: Zoom

Class Limit: 12

Fee: \$60

Photovoice 2020: Our Lives Amid a Pandemic (Completed Grades 5-8)

What’s it like to be a middle schooler in the midst of coronavirus quarantines, cancelled activities, and lots of unknowns? Photography can help us tell stories. What does your world feel like these days, and what do you want the world to look like as it emerges from COVID-19? Let’s document and discuss our unique experiences through photos - with the end result being an online photo exhibit we will share publicly! The “Photovoice” method will allow us to capture and share our perspectives in a fun and engaging way.

Campers will need: a digital camera (a phone camera is fine) and a desire to be creative!

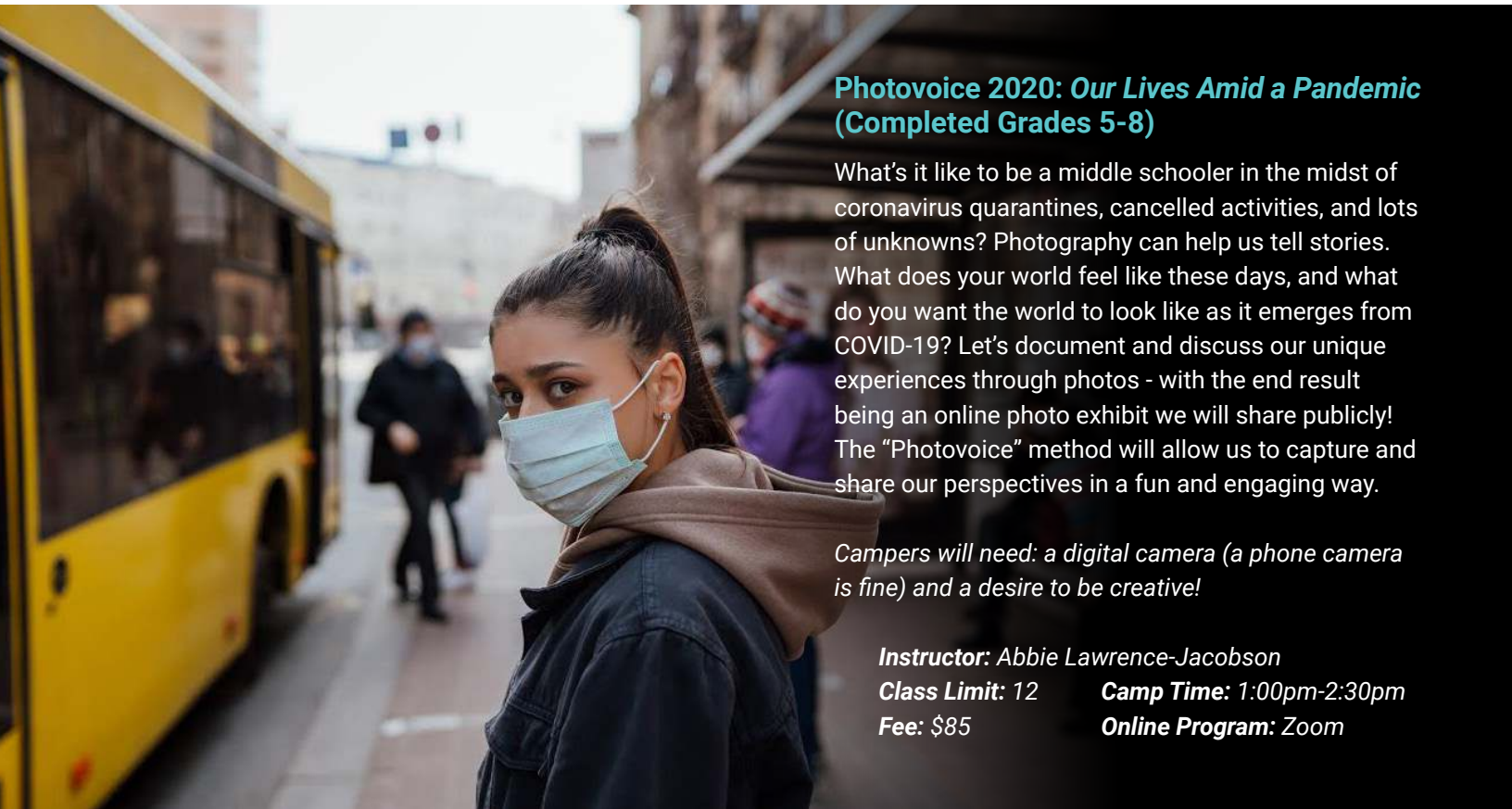
Instructor: Abbie Lawrence-Jacobson

Class Limit: 12

Fee: \$85

Camp Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm

Online Program: Zoom





Research and Planning (Completed Grades 5-8)

You have a thesis, now what? This camp will teach you how to research for writing, organize and plan papers, and ensure that the 1st draft comes easily.

Instructor: Carol Kelly

Camp Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm

Online Program: Zoom

Class Limit: 12

Fee: \$60

WEEK OF JULY 20-24

Creating Characters & Setting in a Story (Completed Grades 5-8)

This camp will encourage creative thinking and how to turn an idea into a well-rounded, believable character or setting. It will also include work on grammar and punctuation, as well as vocabulary work. We will look at some examples of characters and settings from published works, and also develop our own writing around those themes.

Instructor: Carol Kelly

Camp Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm

Online Program: Zoom

Class Limit: 12

Fee: \$60

WEEK OF JULY 27-31

NEW! Yoga Fun(damentals) (Completed Grades 5-8)

Hey yogis! Let's get ready to dive into our yoga practice together! We'll be focusing on learning the yoga basics, starting with our breath and the way we align and position our bodies, then moving on to slower flowing movements, finally working up to some longer holding postures. We'll also discuss some of the foundations of yogic philosophy and history. Can't wait to see you all on your mats!

Instructor: Chelsea Froning

Camp Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

Online Program: Zoom

Class Limit: 12

Fee: \$60



WEEK OF AUGUST 3-7

Cookie Baking and Smoothie Making (Completed Grades 5-8)

Connect with your friends online as we bake cookies together! Some will be healthy-ish, and others will be completely indulgent-- all promise to be delicious! Experiment with different fruits, vegetables, and add-ins to come up with great smoothie combos like Coconut Pineapple, Peanut Butter Chocolate, and Carrot Ginger. A list of ingredients will be provided ahead of time, and modifications will be available for students with food sensitivities or dietary preferences.

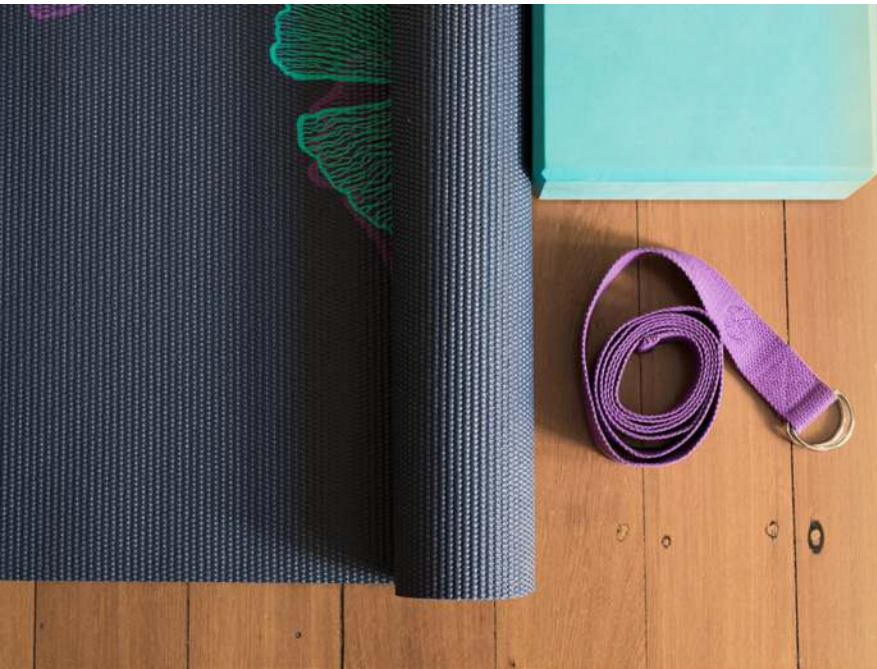
Instructor: Leslie Capozzoli

Camp Time: 9:30am-11:00am

Online Program: Zoom

Class Limit: 12

Fee: \$85



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Instructor: Chelsea Froning

Class Limit: 12

Camp Time: 10:00am-11:00am

Fee: \$60

Online Program: Zoom

Movie Music and Video Production (Completed Grades 5-8)

Create a storyline, enlist the help of your family and friends (recorded online) as actors, and set the stage for your short video. Meanwhile, using Garageband or a similar app, start producing your soundtrack. Learn how to use all of the online tools to lay down different tracks to build your soundtrack. Publish your video, give it as a gift (celebrating milestones, recalling memories, giving thanks), or keep it for yourself. Begin to build a portfolio of online music and video productions showcasing both your musical creativity and your tech skills. Who knows? You may be the next John Williams!

Instructor: Leslie Capozzoli

Camp Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Online Program: Zoom, Garageband

Class Limit: 12

Fee: \$60



NEW! Probability, Combinatorics, and Rational Choice (Completed Grades 5-8)

Imagine that 2% of the students at your school are infected with dragon pox, and you are given a blood test that detects dragon pox with 95% accuracy (meaning that 95% percent of positive results and 95% of negative results are accurate). The test indicates that you are infected. Should you believe it? In Probability, Combinatorics, and Rational Choice, students will learn basic mathematical principles while strengthening their creative problem-solving skills, working both collaboratively and independently to solve problems like these. The course aims to foster students' development into confident, joyful mathematicians; savvy consumers of information; and (ultimately) responsible, independent-minded citizens. (The answer to the question, by the way, is no—you should not believe the test, since there is a ~70% chance your result is a “false positive.” If you're interested in figuring out why, you will probably enjoy this course.)

Instructor: Caroline Perry

Camp Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

Online Program: Zoom

Class Limit: 12

Fee: \$60



NEW! British History: An Introduction to Victorian England (Completed Grades 5-8)

The Victorian Era (1837-1901) signifies the time of the rule of Queen Victoria, but also a time in which Britain reached unparalleled power and wealth. Campers will dive into the intellectual and cultural achievements that arose from the Victorian Era, go on virtual field trips to locations of interest, cook popular dishes from the time, and take place in political debates from the time. Join us to learn why writer John Wilson famously stated, “The sun never sets on the British Empire.”

Instructor: Ashley Olt

Fee: \$85

Online Program: Zoom

Class Limit: 12

Time: 2:00pm-3:30pm

NEW! Writing Fiction (Completed Grades 5-8)

Become a part of a writing community and write a complete short story in one week! Each day will have a different focus: dialogue, characters, setting, action/conflict, and resolution. You will learn how to listen to your writing partner, give and receive positive feedback, collaborate, and share your work. Students must be ready to help improve others' writing as well as their own! We'll have an online reading on the last day, and you will have a completed work for your writing portfolio!

Instructor: Amy Bokser

Fee: \$85

Online Program: Zoom

Class Limit: 10

Time: 2:30pm-4:00pm



Pet Portraits (Completed Grades 5-8)

Make a beautiful portrait of your favorite pet out of small bits of paper assembled by color to form a work of art! It is incredible how closely it can resemble your pet if you start with a simple sketch and choose the right colors. With just a few simple materials that you likely have at home and some snacks to enjoy while we hang out (of course), you can create something really special to keep or give. Check some examples at the links below: [mydogcollage](#) [rainbowpuppy](#) [zebra](#) [brownwhitepuppy](#)

Instructor: Leslie Capozzoli

Class Limit: 12

Camp Time: 4:00pm-5:30pm

Fee: \$85

Online Program: Zoom



WEEK OF AUGUST 10-14

Virtual 5K or 10K

Have you ever thought about completing a 5K or 10K, but just lack the motivation to sign-up or train? Do you get nervous when you see the word “run”? I encourage you to sign-up, commit to a daily 30-minute walk/run for two to three weeks, and then show up at the conclusion of our course to “race”! We will check in each morning and then all run together. We will then return together to stretch and discuss our runs. This will keep each of us motivated, supported, and encouraged to get better the next day!

Instructor: Jessica Hoag

Class Limit: 15

Camp Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

Fee: \$60

Online Program: Zoom

NEW! Theatre and Improv! (Completed Grades 5-8)

Campers will have the opportunity to enhance their ability to communicate and develop their creativity as a member of a group. We will cover Improv and Comedy through the following mediums:

- **Improv:** The fundamentals.
- **Musical Improv:** Spontaneously put words to music.
- **Sketch Comedy:** Use Improv to develop scenes, and create original sketches.

All campers will have the opportunity to perform at the end of the week!

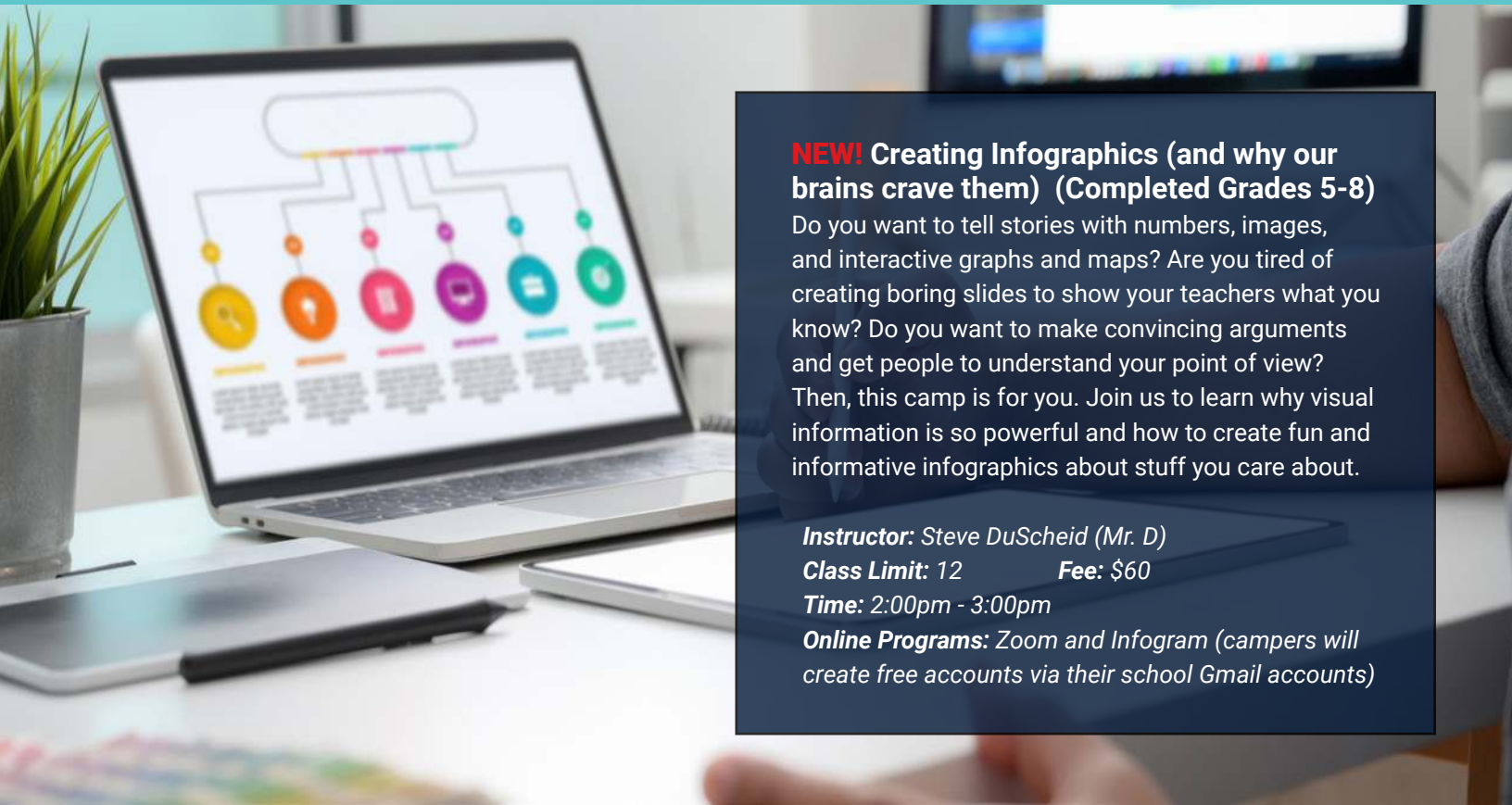
Instructor: Ashley Olt

Class Limit: 12

Fee: \$60

Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

Online Program: Zoom



NEW! Creating Infographics (and why our brains crave them) (Completed Grades 5-8)

Do you want to tell stories with numbers, images, and interactive graphs and maps? Are you tired of creating boring slides to show your teachers what you know? Do you want to make convincing arguments and get people to understand your point of view? Then, this camp is for you. Join us to learn why visual information is so powerful and how to create fun and informative infographics about stuff you care about.

Instructor: Steve DuScheid (Mr. D)

Class Limit: 12 **Fee:** \$60

Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Online Programs: Zoom and Infogram (campers will create free accounts via their school Gmail accounts)

NEW! Writing Short Creative Pieces (Completed Grades 5-8)

This class was going to be called Writing Poetry, but your writing teacher Amy wanted to make sure that you know that poetry can be ANYTHING. Pieces don't have to rhyme, don't have to be written in verse, and can be funny. You'll learn how to come up with crazy details, express your thoughts, and apologize insincerely. You'll also learn how to be a writing partner, give and receive positive feedback, collaborate with others, and share your work. At the end of the workshop you'll have several completed poems and a kit to get started on more poems, I mean pieces!

Instructor: Amy Bokser

Fee: \$85

Online Program: Zoom

Class Limit: 10

Time: 2:30pm-4:00pm