**Mondays\* at Lunch**

**Weekly Agenda**

* Share writings; receive and offer advice, ideas, and/or commentary; brainstorm; plan: includes personal writings and those submitted for the publication
* New writing opportunities update: contests, scholarships, etc.
* Weekly challenge
* Focus reading: read and discuss an author’s a style, theme, idea, etc. in a provided piece
* Brain game

**Monthly Retreat**

**Thursday, 2:45-4:00 p.m.\***

**Themes:** I will share pieces throughout the month relevant to the theme. Please feel free to bring in your own pieces to share, too. We will then write on the theme and share (if you choose) at the retreat.

**Food:** Snacks are welcome!! ☺

**Prize Drawing:** Each month at the retreat, there will be a drawing for a **$5 Staples gift card**. You can put your name in the drawing each time you attend an event or help out with the club...**the more you attend, the more likely you are to win!!!**

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| **Month** | **Date**  **(all are Thursdays)** | **Theme** |
| September | 9-30-10\* | Memoirs |
| October | 10-28-10\* | Sensory exploration: experience autumn (Helen Keller and others) |
| November | 11-18-10\* | Native American literature |
| December | 12-09-10\* | Give the gift of writing…create a written gift for a friend/family member |
| January | 1-27-11\* | Robert Frost and winter |
| February | 2-24-11\* | Maya Angelou, Langston Hughes...the struggle for equality |
| March | 3-24-11\* | Spring poetry and descriptive writings |
| April | 4-28-11\* | Favorite children’s books—share favorite authors/books and write one of our own to give to a child! The simple life: |
| May | 5-19-11\* | The simple life and the Transcendentalists |
| June | 6-2-11\* | Limericks |

*\*Note: If I am ever absent from school on a scheduled meeting or retreat date, we will reschedule the event at the next weekly meeting after I return.*

**Resources for Weekly Writing challenges**

<http://www.brenniesdreamscape.com/writings/challenges.html> (includes Limericks)

<http://www.nanowrimo.org/>

<http://jc-schools.net/write/create.htm>

<http://www.writingfix.com/classroom_tools/dailypromptgenerator.htm>

**Word Games:**

Password

Hangman

Grammar Punk

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