

Kristin Walrod



Mission Statement:

I strive to inspire kids to improve their writing skills so that they can better express themselves.

Grades Served:

3-12

Lives In:

Hood River, OR

Homestay:

Not Required

Curriculum Connections

CS CT LA MC
PG

“Where I am From”

Students write poems and a personal narrative about their family, heritage or surroundings using descriptive prose. An emphasis will be placed on word choice, descriptive detail, and on creating a strong and unique sense of voice in their writing. Using these writing skills we would invite the richness of each student’s background into the classroom. This residency clearly works well in a multicultural classroom to draw out students and to validate their experience, but it is powerful for any student to explore what has shaped them. The resulting project could be easily incorporated into a writing or language arts unit already been taught by the teacher.

Facilities & Supplies

This writing residency requires no special supplies.

Materials Costs

None

About the Artist...

Kristin Walrod is a fiction writer with an MFA from Antioch University in Los Angeles. Her focus has been short stories, with several appearing in small journals and magazines. She has taught in a Title One reading program and has taught writing classes to students in grades 3-8. In Portland, she administered a Writers in the Schools program in two middle schools and eight high schools; her favorite part of the job was helping students edit and revise their work for a published anthology and public readings.