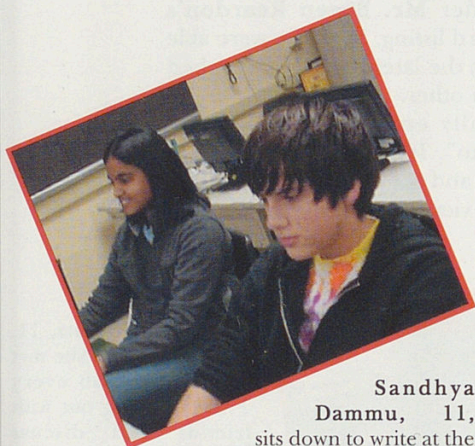


creative writing club

get creative

By: Christy Miller



Sandhya Dammu, 11, sits down to write at the first club meeting. She and the other students wrote while music was played in the background for inspiration. The music helped to get ideas flowing, and allowed students to write about anything the music reminded them of.

They put their pen to paper and furnished stories and prompts that were enough to delight even the most inattentive of readers.

Creative Writing Club provided an outlet for the skilled writers that the school hosted, and allowed for them to express themselves through poetry, prompts and essays.

Every other week the club met to discuss writing and create an assigned prompt. They stressed originality and free thought.

The club was led under new direction by **Mr. Breen Reardon**. He supervised the students and encouraged writing in any form.

"It's a great way to express yourself and write what you're thinking about," said **Daniel Zimmer, 11**.

While the club did not enter work into any competitions, students instead focused on improving their writing and learning to use words to convey unique meaning.

"The goal of the club is pretty much just to get creative writing kids together and go nuts," said **Margaret Brown, 12**, president.

And go nuts is exactly what the club did. They ate snacks, produced works, and expressed ideas through creative writing.

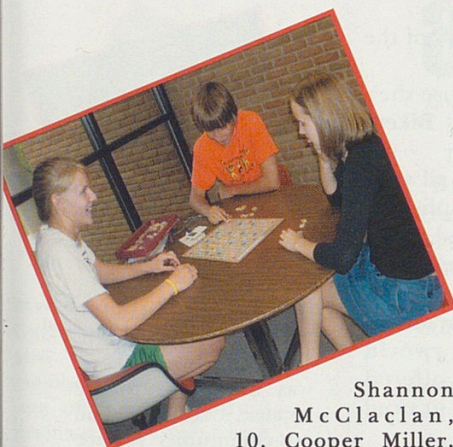


Mr. Reardon instructs **Yijie Zhang, 11**, and ten other students at the beginning of the first meeting. This was his first year directing Creative Writing. He encouraged students to join and write anything that came to their mind.

scrabble club

creating play on words

By: Rachel Hershberger



Shannon McClacian, 10, Cooper Miller, 10, and Megan Taylor, 10, play an enjoyable game of Scrabble. Scrabble club meetings were held every Friday. It was a fun and relaxing way to end the week for many students.

Choose your words wisely; they could win you the game. At least that was the goal for the members of the Scrabble club, sponsored by **Mrs. Connie Smith**.

All grades ranging from freshmen to seniors met every other Friday for an afternoon filled with jubilation and jumbled letters.

The club was started in 2003 by Rohit Kidin and was a huge success after that.

"Elia Burkhart ordered me to come at first, but now I love it," said **Laura Fisher, 11**.

There were such large turnouts that some students would have to take the game into the hallways, or even wait in line for a game board. However snacks, drinks and good company would keep them occupied until a board was available.

"It's a great way to meet new people and they normally have plenty of baked goods, which definitely encourages people to come," said **Josh Lee, 12**.

Led by **Chris Singer, 12**, and **Alex Rock, 10**, the games were set up any way the students

liked: some with only two competitors, some with teams and others made up their own rules. Many of the students chose not to keep score, and other students could join in on the game at will.

Occasionally, the club would host a speaker or watch national tournament films to experience the intensity that is Scrabble.



Students battle it out. While some students played relaxed games of one on one **Alexander Rock, 10, Rima Takieddine, 10, and Rob Friedman, 10,** and played more competitive team games.