



Module One

Handout: Introduction to writing

Hello! And welcome to this course. We are happy you are here. As you will learn through the course, picture books are a synchrony between words and art. I will be sharing my writing tips along the way. Anna will be sharing her illustration tips.

The overall goals for this course are:

- let yourself have fun
- explore
- make mistakes
- be gentle on yourself
- remember we are all here to learn.

Everyone will have their unique style and ability so remember to stay in your own lane. Comparing yourself to others is futile. We can, however, look sideways and support one another on our creative journey.

The writing goals for this module are as follows:

- Institute a regular writing habit; free write daily if possible.
- Start visiting bookstores and libraries. Read as many books as you can! Start to get familiar with styles you are drawn to, who publishes what, and how the picture book works.
- Start developing picture book ideas. Carry a notebook and write your ideas whenever you can. By the end of the month, we will try to gather 3-4 picture book ideas we can use for our manuscript.
- Start studying existing picture books by retyping the words.

