



# Poetry Writing & Art Summer Camp

## Where Poetry Writing, Art, and Music Meet!

Calling out to all fourth through eighth graders! Join Scholé Academy poetry instructor Alison Johansen for this fun week-long summer camp! Each day will have a theme that focuses on poetic elements in the context of our favorite summer poems! After reading aloud and discussing, students will be invited to write their own poems with collaboration and inspiration. Poetry, or word art, can be that much more beautiful with art and music. In this spirit, we will supplement our studies and poems with fun art projects that include watercoloring, sketching, building, and other crafts. So many poems, especially those in hymn meter, are set to music. Beautiful examples of this will be shared throughout the course. On one of these creative days, students will be invited to set their own poems to music!



I dwell in possibility—

A fairer House than Prose—

Emily Dickinson

## Class Dates and Times:

1 week | Week of August 5 – 9  
Section 1: M/T/W/Th/F 2-4 pm ET

## Materials & Supplies:

- Poetry notebook
- Pencil and paper for sketching
- Watercolors and/or other painting supplies
- Seashells, leaves, feathers, Legos, or other building/crafting materials (for a special project)
- Instruments, if wanted



Glory be to God for dappled things—  
For skies of couple-color....

Gerard Manley Hopkins

## The Virtual Classroom:

We will use the free online “virtual classroom” software provided by Zoom. The virtual classroom will provide students with interactive audio and video, along with an interactive whiteboard in which writing, diagrams, video, and other media can be displayed and analyzed.

Specific information regarding the technology used by Scholé Academy (including required technology) can be found by visiting the Technology in the Classroom section of the Student-Parent Handbook.

Please note that students should have their cameras on during class. If wished, students may submit poems and other art by scanning and uploading to our *Poetry Writing & Art Summer Camp Canvas* page.

## About the Instructor:

**Alison Grace Johansen** has always loved the written word and the sounds that words make, which are the music of poetry. She has been writing poems, stories, and songs for as long as she can remember! She believes that these are beautiful ways in which students can learn about and praise God's world. She hopes to inspire her students to use their own words to express themselves with truth, goodness, and beauty. Mrs. Johansen earned her Juris Doctor from the Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pa., and her BA in political science from the University of Richmond. She is teaching the yearlong courses *Poetry Corner*, *Classic Children's Literature VII (CCLVII)*, *Well-Ordered Language Level 1*, and *Writing & Rhetoric Level 1*. She is also hosting the *Green Ember Archer* Book Club this summer. She lives in Virginia with her husband and their two children, who inspire her every day!



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