

Writers in the Schools

Fourth and fifth grade students in Mrs. Mackey's and Mrs. Melton's classes have had rich experiences while participating in "Project WITS" - a grant project funded by University of St. Thomas and Houston Endowment. Dr. Matthew Boyleston, Professor of Creative Writing at Houston Baptist University, has been visiting each 4th and 5th grade class to conduct hour-long segments this semester which nurture students' creative writing skills. Dr. Boyleston received a B.A. from Furman University and an M.F.A. from the University of South Carolina. He received his Ph.D. in creative writing and literature at University of Houston. Dr. Boyleston utilizes fresh approaches to help students write creatively, including the use of prompts, classical music, and the five senses. In conjunction with The Rice University Center for Education, Writers in the Schools offers Summer Creative Writing Workshops for students in grades K-12. For more information about their summer courses, which are held at three different locations in the Houston area, refer to www.witshouston.org or call 713-523-3877.