

# Let Your Voice Be Heard!

## \*Teaching the Writing Trait of Voice



### What is the writing trait of voice?

Voice is the *personality* of the writer coming through the words we read. In our minds, we hear the author speaking to us. Just as all of us are quite different people, all writing voices are different, too. The one thing they do have in common is that they're honest.

Every bit of voice depends on passion. The author must be passionate about what he or she is writing, or there will be no voice. To produce strong writing, student writers must invest themselves and write about what they know and care about.

This P.A.T. workshop will teach you strategies to help your child incorporate the trait of voice into their writing. We will spend time looking at authors' works to study their voice and then doing "Quick Writes" of our own. I always tell my students to write their narrative just as they would tell the story to their best friend. Hear the words, the emotions, and put your personality into it! Let your voice be heard!!

**Any questions: Call Diane Kelly at 257-0578 Ext. #5570**

**Register online at: <http://www.odysseyk12.org/k8/pages/pat.asp>**

**Location: Odyssey campus (Classroom 3, in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade wing)**

**Dates/Times:**

**March 11, 2010 – 10:00-11:30 a.m. (Elementary/Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>)**

**March 17, 2010 – 10:00-11:30 a.m. (Middle School/Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**March 24, 2010 – 12:30-2:00 p.m. (Elementary/Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>)**

**April 13, 2010 – 12:30-2:00 p.m. (Middle School/Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)**

