

## Dear Families,

We will be using **BoomWriter**, a free group-writing website where students will develop and enhance their writing, reading, vocabulary, and peer assessment skills. BoomWriter is a safe and closed digital environment and features three edtech tools, where every student participates in the creation of class content:

- ★ **StoryWriter** - Students develop their creative writing skills and understanding of literary elements.
- ★ **WordWriter** - Students apply, share, and assess their vocabulary knowledge in a new, fun, and interactive way.
- ★ **ProjectWriter** - Students demonstrate their nonfiction writing skills in information and explanatory, argument/opinion, scientific, or narrative focused projects.

All three tools use BoomWriter's interactive writing and peer assessment process:

- ★ Students are provided with a prompt or directive, and each student writes his or her individual entry in response to the text. Students then submit their work for review and feedback, and I'll either approve their entry or request revisions.
- ★ Once all entries are approved, students will review up to four random, anonymous submissions of their classmates and cast a vote for their favorite. If more entries are available, students may vote again. (*BoomWriter's aggregate voting algorithm will fairly and accurately determine the winning entry*)
- ★ The winning submission becomes the next part of the piece, and the process continues until the project is finished!
- ★ For StoryWriter activities, BoomWriter converts these finished pieces into a published book, containing the names of every participating student! These can be purchased by finding our school from the [BoomWriter homepage](#) and clicking on our Bookstore.

Throughout the process, students' participation will earn them "Boomer Bucks", allowing them to customize their personal Boomer Avatar with items from the Boomer Store. This program is sure to increase your student's engagement levels and understanding around key areas of study while instilling a confidence and love of writing!

Student Account Login: [www.boomwriter.com/author](http://www.boomwriter.com/author)

Student Username: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Password: \_\_\_\_\_

**All the best,**