

us poetry company
Education in the Arts

USPOCO BOOKS

a non-profit publishing cooperative, has partnered with us poetry company to bring access to low-cost quality arts education to all those who desire it.

us poetry company, a professional teaching troupe of poets, writers and other artists, will be in the Shelby County Schools this fall. Enroll your child in our after-school program today.

Playing After School has the only fine arts curriculum designed to reinforce the standards your child will be learning this year.



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Working for your child

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us poetry company is a teaching troupe of artists, poets and other writers. After over a year touring the continent and teaching in almost every state, us poetry company has developed the only improvisational teaching and performing troupe in the United States. Your child has a dynamic mind which learns spontaneously. Traditional teaching methods are far less effective at giving your child the opportunity to create while learning—to learn while creating original works of art.

Our teaching style has proven successful with all learning types and all personality types, as well as with all ages. Traditional methods which present knowledge as a body of external stimuli to be absorbed by the student often frustrate the learning process. Our lessons are developed by assessing the students who are in attendance and creating appropriate lessons to reinforce the standards being introduced to your child during regular school sessions.



PLAYING AFTER SCHOOL

us poetry company's after-school enrichment program is the only one with a curriculum which uses your child's talent for playing to reinforce the standards your child will be learning this year.

PLAYING AFTER SCHOOL

- PRODUCE A SCHOOL NEWSPAPER.
- WRITE POEMS AND SONGS.
- PARTICIPATE IN WRITING CONTESTS.
- MAKE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.
- WRITE SHORT FICTION AND PLAYS.
- EXPLORE THE VISUAL ARTS.
- WRITE AND FILM TV COMMERCIALS.
- MAKE BOOKS FROM SCRATCH.
- LEARN THE HISTORY OF FINE ARTS.
- PERFORM IN PLAYS AND CONCERTS.

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is a non-profit publishing cooperative which publishes literature and educational materials in the forms of books, magazines and professional journals. USPOCO BOOKS also publishes the best work from the students of us poetry company, turning your child's dreams into current realities.

- *The Observer*, a newspaper run by students
- *New Models in Education: A Journal for Teachers*
- *The Artists in the Schools Anthology*
- The Student Poetry Series
- The Student Fiction Series

ARTISTS WORKING FOR YOU

Through us poetry company's network of professional artists, your child will have the opportunity to create with professional actors, visual artists, musicians, poets, fiction writers, local and national celebrities and more.

YOUR CHILD WILL QUICKLY BECOME MORE CONFIDENT AND MORE ASSERTIVE.

AN EDUCATIONAL MOVEMENT IN THE ARTS

us poetry company was founded on April 1st, 2009 in Fayetteville, Arkansas and began touring on May 22, 2009. Founded by a group of college professors, college students



and local artists frustrated by the seeming impossibility of useful learning within the framework of competing institutional roles, the first members organized to push for curriculum reform at The University of Arkansas. The troupe which quickly came to be known as us poetry company

demonstrated what they saw as the new educational model by writing plays to learn English composition, by using innovative methods for creating poetry and short fiction to perform or publish on any corner of campus, and by becoming active in a campus movement for general curriculum reform. Many of the students went on to found literary journals and art centered student groups.

CREATIVE WEEKEND AND SUMMER CAMPS

us poetry company's creative camps give your child the opportunity to study with professional artists in the performing arts and fine arts. Your child will contribute to the creation of an original production in each camp, every thing from writing and performing in an original play to writing and filming real commercials for television.

ARTISTS IN THE SCHOOLS

us poetry company's troupe of working artists and writers will be in your child's classroom this year, teaching two-day improvisational seminars in the fine arts, including but not limited to poetry, drawing, sculpture, playwriting and screenwriting. These lessons are designed to reinforce the standards being taught.

