

A woman with dark curly hair and a purple shirt is smiling and hugging a young girl. The girl is wearing a pink and white checkered dress and a black crown decorated with hearts and stars. The woman is also wearing a black crown with colorful zig-zag patterns. They are in a modern building with large windows and a staircase in the background.

# CREATING CONNECTIONS

**Flexible creative  
experiences for young people  
and their families**

**WT Education  
2025/26 Programs**

**WT**  
**WRITERS  
THEATRE**



**Whether it's sparking imagination  
on a school day off or playing  
together at the theatre,  
WT Education has a program that  
will inspire your family to make  
creative connections with each  
other and your community.**



**Save your spot today!**

**[www.writers theatre.org/education](http://www.writers theatre.org/education)**





## Family Matinee Series

For ages 5-11

Looking for an afternoon of theatre the whole family can enjoy? Parents, grandparents and caregivers can see the 2pm matinee of a WT mainstage production while their young ones participate in an afternoon of theatre making of their own! Drop off your young artists for an onsite workshop full of games and creative activities facilitated by expert teaching artists.

### 2pm on Saturdays:

***Rachmaninoff and the Tsar* – September 20**

***As You Like It* – December 6**

***Two Sisters and a Piano* – March 14**

***Job* – May 2**

***Job* – May 16**

***Leopoldstadt* – June 20**

Want to save on tickets and class registration? Contact the Box Office at **847-242-6000** or **boxoffice@writerstheatre.org** for more information about a Family Matinee Series Subscription.

## Pop-Up Day Camps

For young people in 2nd – 5th Grade

When school is off but you're not, WT Education is here to help. Pop-Up Camps are the perfect creative outlet for young people, from the theatre-curious to drama royalty. Each day consists of a variety of engaging and imaginative hands-on activities in areas like acting, devising and design and includes a backstage tour of the theatre.

### 9am-3pm:

**Indigenous Peoples Day – October 13**

**Thanksgiving Monday – November 24**

**Thanksgiving Tuesday – November 25**

**MLK Jr. Day – January 19**

**Presidents Day – February 16**

**Glencoe SD 35 Day Off – April 24**



# Drop-In Spring Break Camp

For young people in 2nd – 5th Grade

Want to mix things up over Spring Break? Drop in to Writers Theatre for as many days of theatre adventure as you'd like! Each day will explore a different area of theatre and include a myriad of games and activities designed to ignite the imagination and develop a love of art.

**9am-3pm:**

**Monday March 30 – Friday April 3**



## Wake Up Words Family Playtime

Intended for ages 3-6 and their parents and caregivers, siblings are welcome.

Read and see where your imagination takes you! Each sixty-minute session pairs a storybook with creative movement, dramatic play and expressive activities designed for young children and their families to create together. Come back each month for a new book and relaxed playtime presented at no cost.

**11am on Sundays:**

**September 7**

**October 5**

**November 2**

**December 14**

**January 11**

**February 1**

**March 1**

**April 12**

**June 7**



# Playful Pages Family Story Drama

For ages 3-5 and their caregivers

If your family loves Wake Up Words and wants more opportunities to play, this brand-new offering is just for you! During this hands-on four-week session, participants will read, move and create together in a small-group setting designed for very young artists and their grownups. This forty-five minute class will nurture natural curiosity and connection through arts-integrated play.

**10am on Wednesdays:  
October 8, 15, 22, & 29**



## Introducing our Company in Residence – **Kerfuffle Theatre** for the Very Young

We're thrilled to welcome Kerfuffle to Writers Theatre for a season-long residency. Attend a public or field trip performance of their participatory play, *Bookworms*, this fall, and stay tuned for updates on the development of a new piece, *Laboratory of Exploration – Kerfuffle's Opera for the Very Young*.

***Bookworms* by Jeff Sachs**

Best enjoyed by ages 3-6 and  
their caregivers



**Public Performances – November 15 & 16**

**Field Trip Performances – November 13 & 14**

# Birthday Parties @ WT

Make your young one's birthday a smash hit this year by celebrating at Writers Theatre! Take the stage with a theatre class led by a WT teaching artist culminating in a short original performance. Our birthday package includes snacks and drink offerings, a custom photo opportunity and space in the beautiful Litowitz Atrium for food and gifts.

Email [education@writerstheatre.org](mailto:education@writerstheatre.org) for more information



**“We love that Writers Theatre offers so many flexible options for kids throughout the year.”**

**“The Family Matinee allows for short-term childcare for adults to attend plays and creates a theatre environment that can be enjoyable for all ages. This is a fantastic program!”**

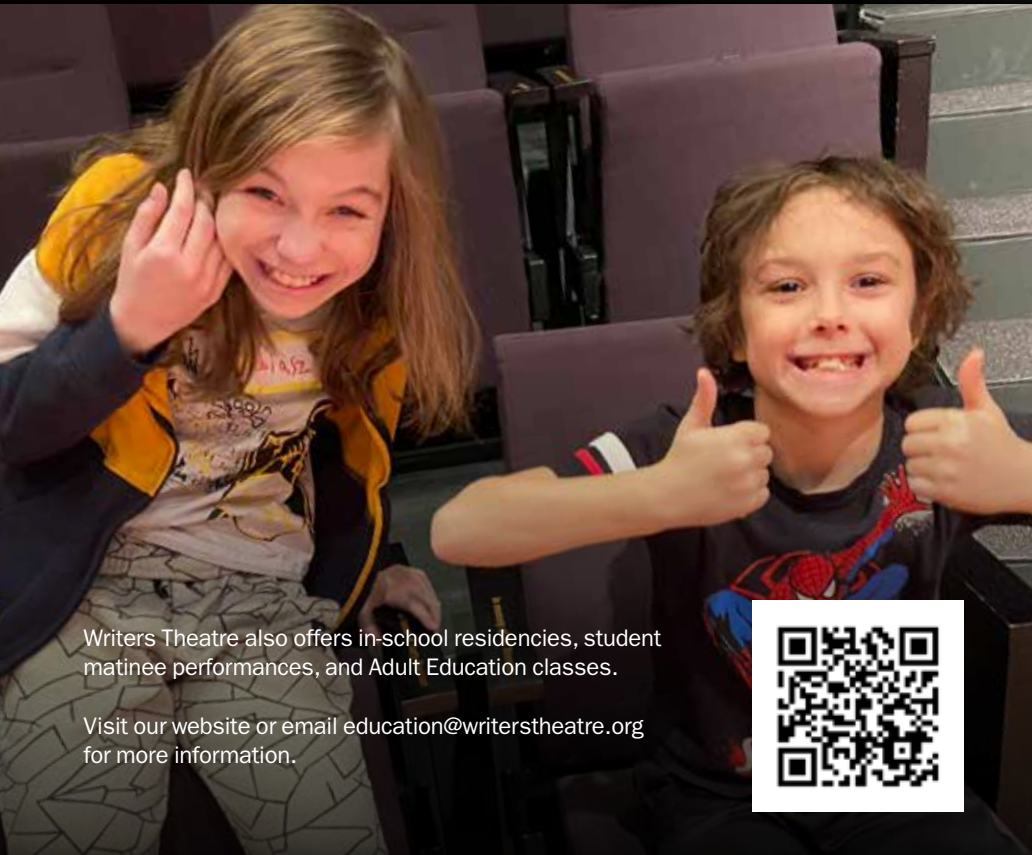
**“My daughter had the best time and wants to sign up for all of the camps! The teachers were wonderful.”**

**“My kids loved the content of both days of Spring Break Camp and were sad to leave their new friends at the end of the day.”**

**“My family had a lot of fun! My daughter loves the crown making and really liked the books this year!”**

**“Thank you, WT team, for hosting such a memorable celebration. Every parent was very impressed by everything and everyone! The kids had a wonderful time, as was evident by their enthusiasm.”**





Writers Theatre also offers in-school residencies, student matinee performances, and Adult Education classes.

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