

## The Power of the Pen by : Ava Finn

The Power of the Pen is a creative writing competition where students who are in 7th grade compete in three competitions per year with their whole team. They also compete individually. This wonderful competitive writing club is organized by one of our amazing teachers, Mrs. Sequin! This club meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:40 until 3:30. To prepare for the competitions, the children practice writing to a broad selection of prompts. Then the students give and receive feedback from their peers. They are also given extra challenges by adding a metaphor to their story, or a specific trait for the character in their story. The competitions are organized so the students write individually, and those scores are ranked against their opponents. Also, the scores that the whole team gets are ranked against other teams that are competing. Mrs. Sequin hopes that these students will gain a sense of skill and confidence in their ability to think and write creatively. It's nice to receive recognition for their incredible academic achievements too! The first competitions will be virtual but the last one will be at the College of Wooster. We hope to see you there!

