

# EVERYONE'S A WRITER

## Writers of Ypsilanti: Tia and Aaron



Aaron, 10 years old, and Tia, 8 years old, are students at Ypsilanti International Elementary School.

### Why do you write?

*Tia:* “I write because I need to have a good future, [and] if you practice a lot you’ll get better at writing.”

*Aaron:* “The reason why I write is to express myself, and I want to inform people and show them what I can do. The way I think about my writing is, I know I’m good at art so I combined that with storytelling (it’s in my blood). I want to touch millions of people and get them interested in art and writing.”

### What is the most memorable thing you have written?

*Tia:* “I wrote a cover for an animal book called *Zookeeper* with my friend. It was special because me and my friend made it together and then she moved. It’s about animals that are mixed up together like a wolf and panda (pandawolfin).”

*Aaron:* “I like telling stories in my artwork. I painted a creepy creature with different parts [that] was made of three different beings. Carl (who bullies people) and Katie (who is very loving) and a nice, loving, smart character. They never understand the value of each other. If they came together, they could be a really beautiful creature. Later, I really wanted to write about a different character’s life, but I got feedback about including too much about his sad story. So I came up with this line... ‘And now the good stuff...’ and that helped me get to the other parts of his life.”