

Dear Neeraja,

I enrolled for the course as I wanted to expand my knowledge base by trying something which is new to me. My apprehensions at that time were, whether I would be able to follow the course or that I would doze off (as I always used to doze off during many classes earlier) or how I would write.

However, I felt very comfortable in the first class when you included my very insignificant idea of joining the course while summarizing all the participant's intentions on joining the course. I also felt relaxed when you were open to discussions unrelated to classroom issues.

I thoroughly enjoyed your review comments after every write up which made me dwell more on the topic discussed. The insights I got while writing and also during the class discussions are very valuable to me and



they touched deep in the heart. For instance, the course acted like a platform which gave me a chance to become a student again. I could easily relate to children as I am a student in the reflective writing class with my own set of strengths and weaknesses. The reading material (especially Palmer's) helped me reflect how vulnerable I am - like a student. Also, when I wait for your reply, I could quickly relate to students who eagerly wait for reassurance from their teacher. I hope I can empathize with student's fears and support them

(the way you always reply promptly and encourage us to write about anything). I also liked the way every one of us was involved in the class, yet independently working on the topic chosen.

The course has helped me reflect on my personality and also in overcoming my inertia to write. I could easily slip into my son's shoes while writing "A letter by Abhiram to his mother". It is a take away for me that writing is a powerful tool to give structure to our thoughts as well. I would definitely continue to write and reflect. I will maintain a daily diary for the classes I handle and will reflect on the issues I face. I am awestruck by your humility and passion towards your work. The way you steered the course has always kept me attentive without a slightest hint of dozing off.

By the end of the course, I did realize that my writing skill has improved and I also enjoyed when everyone was appreciating each other's work. I will try to incorporate more imagery and creativity into my writings, which is not my cup of tea until now.

Thank you Neeraja, for conducting this course and I wish to attend more of your courses (irrespective of the topic) whenever possible.

Warmly,
Kalyani