

Five Great Reasons Why KidsWrite Can Make a Difference in Your Classroom

Strategic Writing:

The KidsWrite publishing process involves students in strategies for planning, revising, and editing their compositions, using a five-step writing process. This process includes brainstorming, concept construct, first draft, self-edit, and peer review. With KidsWrite, literacy comes alive and becomes meaningful and real to students.

Our curriculum references video game characters, superheroes, baseball stars, singers, and other aspects of pop culture- such as movies, television shows, and youth-market best sellers. Furthermore, our programs reference products that have crossed over from one media format to another, such as prequels to top-grossing films in style of JK Rowling, Erin Gruwell, Stephen King, and others.

Collaboration/Teamwork:

The entire KidsWrite program is structured as a collaborative effort, in which students work toward a common goal: a published book product. The collaborative nature of this program allows for the utilization of each child's unique strengths.

Collaborative book authoring requires students to clearly express their creative ideas in written and illustrative form. It also teaches students to analyze their peers' work, develops effective speaking and listening skills, fosters courtesy while giving and receiving feedback, and encourages personal responsibility for meeting shared deadlines. As a united team, all students are involved with the planning, drafting, revising, and editing of their compositions.

Prewriting and Outlining:

Prewriting is crucial to engaging students in activities designed to help them generate or organize ideas for their final product. Extensive discussions, brainstorming, and planning of real book products makes drafting, outlining, and reporting— which are all necessary test and work skills—seem to leap off the page!

Specific Milestones and Product Driven Goals:

From the outset, kids are made aware of the specific, reachable goals they are to complete in time for their book launch party. Each step of our 12-step program brings them closer to seeing their work as a final book product. These goals are in line with task- and project-oriented goals that they will face one day in the workplace!

Technology with a Purpose:

With KidsWrite, students use technology - not for its own sake - but rather in a manner that supports the curriculum process. By encouraging kids to collaborate and participate in new media resources, KidsWrite helps them to grow into authentic communicators in the community of authors. Students accomplish this by engaging in group discussion, blogging, collaboration, project scheduling, reviews, ratings, blurbs, portfolio albums, feedback, and more.