

Young Authors Day

TEACHERS WRITING GUIDE

GETTING STARTED WRITING

1 RETURN TO CLASSROOM

2 YOUNGER CLASSES - (K-2nd) May choose to write only one story (depending on where you feel your children are developmentally).

OLDER CLASSES - (3rd & Up)

- Split class up into several small groups (3 to 5 kids in a group).
- Each group selects one person to be the “recorder” or “writer.” Everyone puts in ideas, one person writes it down. I only need one copy of the story.

3 SELECT A TOPIC - Anything in the whole wide world or choose from the following topics:

- Royalty (*examples*):
 - Knight saving princess from dragon
 - Stuck up King walking through the garden
 - Wacky wizard who’s wand won’t work
- Animals (*examples*):
 - Guy taking a dog for a walk
 - Explorer in a jungle who runs into a huge animal
 - Lion tamer trying to make a lion jump through a hoop of fire
- A Person’s Job (*examples*):
 - Doing dishes, cleaning your room, babysitting
 - Teacher with a bad student in class
 - Barber cutting hair
 - Policeman chasing a robber
- Sports (*examples*):
 - Avoid large team sports, use sports that you can play by yourself, or someone else (golf, bowling, tennis, riding a bike, swimming, ice skating, etc.)

4 STORY STRUCTURE - Using given structure, each group writes a story.

- “3 P’s and an S”
 - Person
 - Place
 - Problem
 - Solution

NOTE: No more than 3 characters in a story.
REMEMBER: K.I.S.S. - Keep It Super Simple.

WHEN FINISHED: Make sure all “Author’s names are on their story, along with their grade level, and teacher’s name. Paper clip all the stories from your room together and send them down to the office.