

Write, Illustrate, Publish!

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Dear Teacher,

Encouraging children to write and then celebrating the results of their hard work is essential to supporting them in developing core writing skills. This collaborative project turns your students into published authors and includes everything you need to support literacy skills. Use the enclosed materials to help students become published authors. Then shine a spotlight on your proud authors by publishing their work and taking part in Studenttreasures' National Book Challenge!

Have fun creating proud, published authors.

Sincerely,
Studenttreasures and Scholastic

Create Proud, Published Authors

With the Studenttreasures book publishing project, students learn about teamwork and the writing process, while seeing their best efforts transformed into a one-of-a-kind book. Creating a collaborative Classbook of student writing helps to:

- Motivate students to do their best work
- Build students' self-confidence
- Strengthen the home-to-school connection
- Support higher standards across a variety of curricula

Plus, when you publish your FREE kit, the teacher gets a free copy of the book and you'll automatically be entered into the National Book Challenge!

Order your FREE publishing kit at
www.studenttreasures.com/sc.



The Reviews Are In!

Teachers give Studenttreasures an

A+



This project gives students writing practice and gets them excited about writing. The end result? A keepsake that can be read over and over again."

—Nancy C., Oxford, GA



The whole process is seamless. I love how the book turned out. Most of all, I love how enthusiastic my students were about writing!"

—Heather, Aberdeen, WA



This project motivated even my most reluctant readers to write, revise, edit, and write more!"

—Laurie A., Rochester, NY



Use this lesson today to spark writing in your classroom.

Lesson: Write a Narrative Story: The Best Day Ever

Goal: Students will discuss the components of a narrative story, brainstorm how to add detail, and create an illustrated story about their best day ever.

Materials:

- The Best Day Ever, expanded lesson plan <http://bit.ly/BstDay>
- Schoolhouse Rock Adjectives video <http://bit.ly/SHRvideo>
- Check It Out! worksheet <http://bit.ly/CheckWKST>
- Let's Write, Right Now! (next page)
- personal photos

Instructions:

1. **Show** your students a photograph or drawing that captures a good memory, perhaps a photo of a new pet or a special trip.
2. **Explain** to students that this picture shows a great day. Ask students what they think made this day so special.
3. **Write** one paragraph describing your best day ever (on chart paper or a projected document). Do not include specific details yet. Ask students what they think about your story. Use guiding questions to get your students involved and have them start thinking about details:
 - What questions are you left with?
 - What would you like to know more about?
 - What adjectives, or descriptive words, can we add?
4. Have students **discuss** questions they may have about the story and details they could add. As students share their ideas, add them to the chart paper.
5. Watch the **School of Rock Adjectives** video. Discuss the importance of using details and descriptive language in a story.
6. **Explain** and discuss narrative story. Ask students to identify the narrator in your story. Show how your story includes a sequence of events and that the students' additional details helped describe actions, thoughts, and feelings.
7. **Tell** students that they will write about their own great days. **Point to Step 1 on the classroom poster** (on the back side of this guide) and explain that they will start by brainstorming. Hand out the **Check It Out!** worksheet and have students list favorite people, places, and things they may include in their stories.

8. After brainstorming, have students pair up and describe their great day to their partners. Their partner should ask them questions about their day.

Sample questions include:

- What made this day so important?
- Who was with you?
- What were you doing?
- Did you feel differently at the beginning than you did at the end? How?

9. Hand out the **Let's Write, Right Now!** worksheet and have students use the sheet to build a draft of their narrative story about their best day ever.

Remind students to:

- include details on their actions, thoughts, and feelings from their day
- put the details in the order they occurred
- replay the event in their mind as they write their story.

10. Before students complete their final draft, provide them with time to revise, edit, and peer-review their stories.

11. Work with students to publish their stories by copying them neatly onto fresh paper, using desktop publishing, or working with a company that publishes student work to create a published book of their work.

Studentresources Quick-Start to Publishing

1. Let the fun begin

- Order your FREE kit at studentresources.com/sc
- Choose the layout that works best for your classroom.

2. Choose a topic

- Get inspired by the popular topics below.

3. Encourage expression

- Warm up creativity with a prewriting activity and brainstorming session.

- Browse and print our [free writing worksheets](#).

- Use black ink for text.
- Use washable markers for illustrations.

- Find [replacement pages online](#) for multiple drafts.
- Send home parent order forms.

4. Share your experience

- Show off your authors with the hashtag #prouddauthors.

Top 5 Books to Make This Year

1. Self Portraits Poems About Us:

Self-portraits are the perfect way for students to get to know their classmates. They also make for adorable Classbooks!

2. Journey Through Space:

Show off their knowledge with an ABC Book. It's outta this world!

3. Thankful Little First Graders:

I am Thankful! A fun Thanksgiving project your students will gobble up!

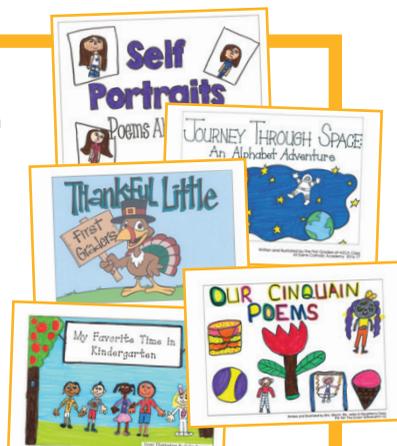
4. Our Cinquain Poems:

Create a collection of poetry—a wonderful activity for Poetry Month in April.

5. My Favorite Time in Kindergarten:

Celebrate learning—share students' favorite memories from the year.

Find sample books, topic ideas, printable storyboards, prewriting worksheets, ideas for celebrating, lesson plans, and tips at studentresources.com/TeachersLounge.



To Order Your Free Publishing Kit, Visit www.studentresources.com/sc.

Let's Write, Right Now!



Start Your Draft

Setting: Where does your story take place?

Characters: Who is in your story? What are some things your characters might do? What might they say?

Part 1: What happens first in your story?

Part 2: What happens next?

Part 3: What problem do your characters face? How do they solve it?

Part 4: How does your story end?

Spice Up Your Writing

Choose vivid **verbs** and awesome **adjectives** to add detail to your story.

Verbs

admire	gobble	scoot
bolt	jab	sprint
chuckle	plunge	tackle
dash	rocket	zip

Adjectives

brilliant	dazzling	sparkling
bubbly	fearless	stupendous
cheery	mouthwatering	top-notch
daring	rare	unusual

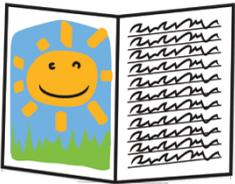
Write, Illustrate, Publish! Publishing in 4 Easy Steps

Studenttreasures provides you with all the materials you need to inspire and create your one-of-a-kind hardbound Classbook.

Publishing Your Classbook Is Flexible, Rewarding...and Easy!

STEP 1: ORDER KIT

Choose your publishing date and select your Classbook layout.



Portrait lined



Landscape primary lined

PLUS: More kit options are available at: studenttreasures.com/sc

STEP 2: GET CREATIVE!

Each student contributes his or her own writing and illustration to create a collaborative Classbook.

- As a class, brainstorm topic ideas that will interest all your authors.
- Visit our resource center for topics, tips, prompts, and storyboards.
- Send home order forms for parents to order their own copies of the book.



STEP 3: PUBLISH BOOK

Use our kit box to pack up:

- student-completed materials
- parent order forms

We'll deliver the teacher's FREE hardbound copy along with any parent copies ordered.

Order Your Free Kit at studenttreasures.com/sc



STEP 4: CELEBRATE!



Celebrate your proud, published authors. Plan an author's tea, a book-signing party, or another fantastic celebration of your new authors! Check out more celebration ideas below and visit studenttreasures.com/TeachersLounge.



Your FREE Classbook Kit Includes:

- 66 kit pages: 33 for text & 33 for illustration
- Cover, title, dedication, and author pages
- A student-created sample book
- Step-by-step teacher guide
- Parent order forms

Plus, Studenttreasures provides:

- Start-to-finish project support and reminders to keep you on track
- Unlimited access to our [Teacher Community](#)
- **A FREE copy of your Classbook for the teacher** and the option for parents to purchase copies too
- **PLUS: Automatic entry into the National Book Challenge** when you publish your students' stories

Online Resources:

- [Replacement materials](#)
- [Storyboards, lesson plans, and book starters](#)



Celebration Time!

Publishing a book deserves more than a high-five...it's time to party! Here are some fun celebrations for your class to try.



Book-Signing Party

Collect signatures from all the published authors in your class.



Grandparents Day

Showcase students' work for your grandparents.



Write Night

Show off your published work like a celebrity.

Steps to Publishing

Every Child an Author



Author checklist



STEP 1: PRE-WRITE

Brainstorm your story topic and details.



STEP 2: WRITE A DRAFT

Get your ideas down on paper.



STEP 3: REVISE

Improve your writing with details and emotion.



STEP 4: EDIT

Check spelling and punctuation.



STEP 5: PUBLISH

Share your writing with others.

Include:
- people
- places
- things

Use:
- sensory words
- vivid verbs

- use your best handwriting
- add drawings or photos

Consider:
- what's important?
- what's your opinion?

- make it easy to read

The world is full of inspiration. What will your story be?

FICTION
Once upon a time...
Make up your own story using your fantastic imagination!

ALL ABOUT ME
What makes you special? Talk about your super accomplishments.

SCIENCE SMARTS
How does a seed become a plant? Show off your science skills by explaining how something works.

ALL ABOUT ANIMALS
Did you know that pandas eat for 12 hours a day? Write about interesting animal facts.

COMMUNITY HELPERS
Who helps make your community a great place to live?

BIOGRAPHY
Who's your favorite inventor or explorer? Write about someone from the past.

