

What do the Most Effective Kid Writing Classrooms *Look Like*?

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◆ *Visual Supports for Children*

- ___ *One* crisp, clear, accurate photo alphabet chart
- ___ High frequency word wall (black on white, no names)
- ___ KidCrowns (King of *ing*, Sir of *were*, Gent of *went*, etc.)
- ___ Name wall or chart (alphabetical by first names); also, names used functionally (graphs, etc.)
- ___ Rhyming Family Houses (*et* house, *net*, *bet*, *pet*, etc. – kids add words)
- ___ Theme words (Halloween, spiders, etc.)
- ___ Variety of family words with pictures (*Dad*, *Daddy*, *Father* etc.)
- ___ Tell-A-Story words (*First... When... After that... Finally...etc.*) with post-it notes that children sign when they use these words
- ___ Number and color words
- ___ KWL Charts and Venn Diagrams related to science, social studies, literature
- ___ Pocket Charts with stories, poems, directions, etc.

◆ *Visual Celebrations for Children*

- ___ Kid Writing Wall of Fame (*Tamika is famous for using talking marks*)
- ___ Interactive Writing (large chart or captions – teacher shares the pen)
- ___ Displays of children's writing (Ouch Pouch, Speech Bubble display, etc.)
- ___ Expensive words (fabulous words that kids used in writing!)

