



Laurie's Stories

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Our Your StorEBook Publishing Guidelines at a Glance:

1. Pick a theme or subject; samples are included here.
This can be a school wide theme or otherwise chosen to suit.
2. Each student, team, class etc. contributes 1 page of combined text & illustration. Landscape pages fill the screen best!
3. Keep text to a minimum; usually only 1-3 sentences.
4. Illustrations are best when they are large & colorful.
5. Don't forget a title page & possibly a back pg. with credits.
6. If possible, convert your pages into jpgs before our visit; that way we can likely record the audio book with your students & spend time with your students putting the eBook together with pdf & video.
7. To convert your pages to jpgs: use a digital camera or scan them into a computer using your printer/scanner. Quality will be much higher with a scanner.
Name the jpgs in the order of your book;
i.e. GoGreen01, GoGreen02, etc.
8. Number of pages/books depends on our time together; make sure we stay in touch with careful pre-planning so everyone is happy!!



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More for Your StorEBook Guidelines:

This playshop is for creating student authored/illustrated e book(s). Read the following & apply it to your demographics and what you'd like to achieve. The more you do ahead, the more we can accomplish as indicated in the steps below. Each participating student, team, class contributes a page of writing and illustration. Maximum # of pages is based on length of playshop, generally a maximum between 24-48 pages & a suggested minimum of 8 pages. The pages can be put into several e book formats: video book (great with student narration!), word doc, pdf and/or power point.

1. Work must be original. For these group books, best to select a general theme. Anyone can choose the theme and/or have students vote on their topic. You may want (younger) students to follow a format (see template examples).
2. Laurie's Stories follows similar school guidelines for content; enough said!
3. Keep the format & pages simple & minimal. We recommend 1-3 sentences a pg. Illustration & print should be on the same page.
4. Pages work better in a landscape rather than a portrait format for screen view.
4. Work should be clear and legible; pictures work best on unlined paper with deep, rich colors. Pencil generally does not show up well but eraser marks do! Text can be typed in separate pages of a word doc or handwritten by students with their artwork. Try for your best work ~ editing & 2nd (or 3rd!) drafts encouraged.
6. (We) Take clean, scans or digital pictures of completed work. The scans/jpegs should be appropriately (re)titled for the order of book pages. i.e. Hero01, Hero02
7. We put jpegs into a pdf and possibly a video book.
8. We can add student narration as time allows. If your pages are done ahead, we can use the playshop time to add narration and finalize the pdf & video formats.
9. We can do the technology/ playshop through the projector onto the screen/wall so (older) students can learn the steps of e book creation. You/They may need to finish multiple books or put into the video format later if we run out of time.
10. Give the book it's due audience! Family Literacy Night is a great venue as well as publishing the book in cyberspace; SchoolTube is a wonderful, family channel for video books and we are happy to publish your work in our Laurie Story Leaping Literacy Online Library.

Again, the more prepared you are ahead of time, the further our playshop time can go. For instance, adding narration is great but you will need to have your pages pretty well done before the playshop. We can adjust the focus per your choice. Feel free to call with any questions/planning ahead of time!



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Your StorEBook Format Guidelines:

Class/Group Books should keep a simple format;
big pictures with minimal but dynamic text ~ poetry can be great!

Landscape pages work best for e books!

You can use typed or handwritten text with the pictures.
Here are a few basic topic suggestions and sample template:

We Love Our School/Our School Is The Best:

I/we love _____ because _____.

Kindness Counts:

I am/We are ... kind when _____.

Our Heros:

My/Our hero is _____ because _____.

Every Day Is Earth Day:

This is what we do to celebrate Earth Day everyday:

I _____.

Examples:

I recycle. I ride the bus. I walk to school.

I water & take care of trees we planted.

Recycling:

At Center St. school, we recycle!

Our class recycles _____.

Planting:

We plant our garden!

We plant _____.

An Overview of Sample Pages:



I am thankful for grandma she is
nice loving, caring and she's the best
She helps at Jose's. I love grandma
because she is the best grandma.
I need grandma because there will
be no one to be nice to me. I
need grandma because I love
her

Around the campfire I
sat one day. I heard a loud
chirping. It made the
chirping by rubbing its legs
together. It was hiding in
the grass. Guess what it was.
It was a cricket.





I love reading because It tells

Stories, like The Pout Pout Fish

Racheal Dase
Suwya Berry



I Love reading because it can make you smart and it helps you read bigger words.

Brianna and Jace

I ♥ love ♥ Reading because
it gives you

Knowledge!



I love reading because it feels like I'm a part
of the story. It makes me feel a part of the
story because of the great details.

Nicole and Jake.M.



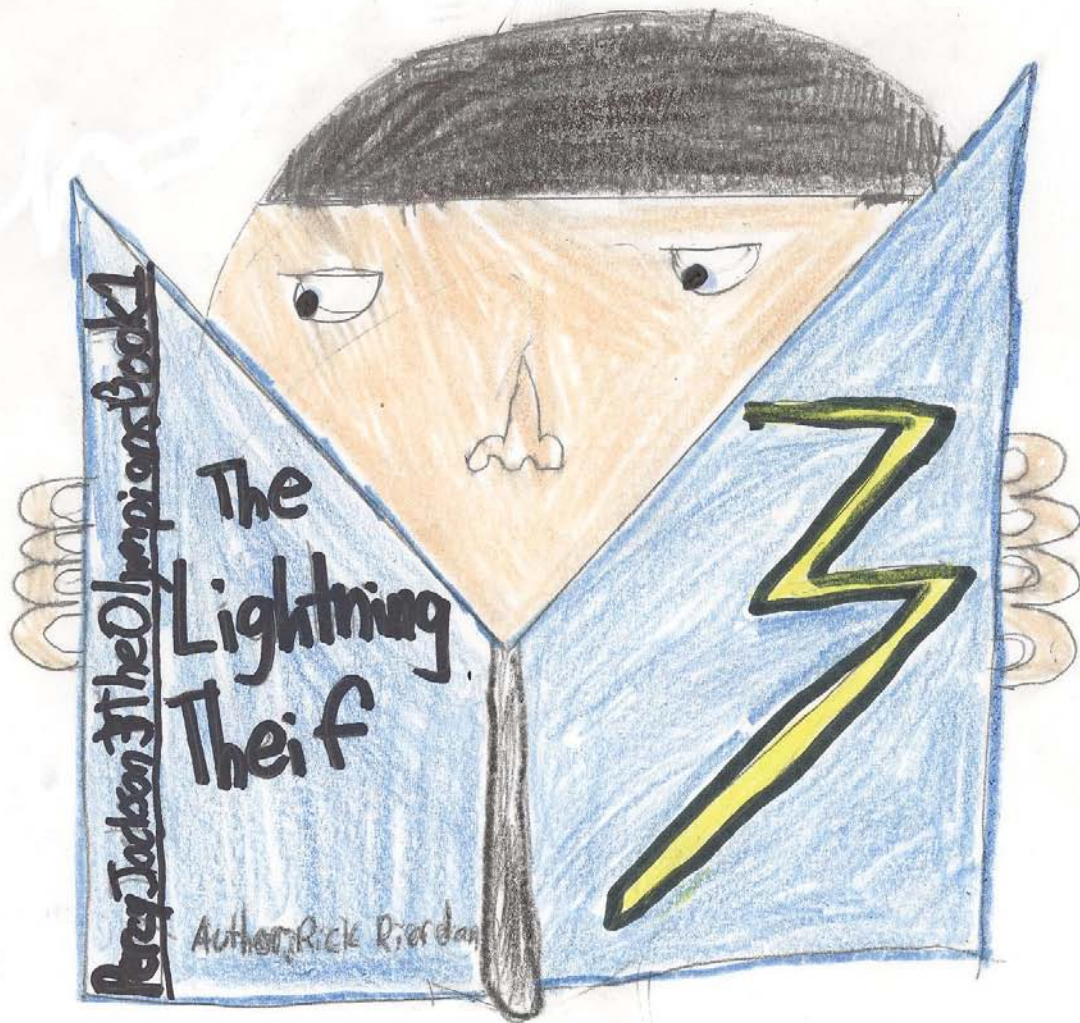
I love reading because it's like T.V.. You can picture it in your head like a T.V..

Lydia and Dylan



Boufeigh
& Hyle

I love reading because it shoots a mini,
imaginary, and educational T.V. life image filled
with many details and different genres, all
in my little noggin, how amazing!



I love reading because when I read I notice none of my surroundings and can imagine ANGELICA what is written on the page and the reality of writing. Parker



LIFE CYCLE



There are nearly 5,000 different kinds of ladybugs worldwide and 400 which live in north America.



YOU CAN SURPRISE SOMEONE BY MAKING A HOME MADE CARD. THEY ARE MORE SPECIAL THAN A CARD FROM THE STORE.



JOHNNY APPLESEED WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1774 LEOMINISTER, MASSACHUSETTS. JOHNNY APPLESEED WAS A NUERSYMAN. HIS REAL NAME WAS JOHN CHAPMAN BUT THEY CALLED HIM JOHNNY APPLESEED.
Hunter

