



2.20: Word Processing Using Kidspiration

Prerequisite Skills and Knowledge

- ∞ Keyboarding
- ∞ Word Processing Skills
- ∞ Internet Browser
- ∞ Saving & Printing a document
- ∞ This lesson should be taught during the 2nd grade Poetry Unit during May, when the students have been writing poetry in their classrooms. Collaborate with the classroom teacher.

Time Required

- ∞ Mini-Lesson and guided practice - 20 minutes
- ∞ The Independent practice through publication will take 2 additional class periods.

Materials

- ∞ Teacher-made examples of Poems About Feelings in Kidspiration
- ∞ Chart Paper
- ∞ Markers
- ∞ www.gigglepoetry.com marked in bookmarks/favorites or a shortcut on the desktop

Intended Learning

- ∞ Students will write a free verse poem, so they can express their feelings about everyday situations.

District Technology Standards

Uses Technology Effectively

- Keyboarding
- Typing matches conventional writing, including capitalization, punctuation and spacing.
- Word Processing Skills
- Uses correct spacing, capitalization, and punctuation.

Produces Quality Work

- Word Processing
- Creates a word processing document for a variety of purposes (e.g., report, letter writing, fiction, poetry).
- Edits, revises and publishes work using a word processor.
- Presentation Tools (Kidspiration, PowerPoint, KidPix)
- Communicates information by using a form of multimedia technology.

Big Ideas From Literacy Guide- Unit 7, Writing

- ∞ Write poems about ordinary things in their everyday lives, using fresh eyes and carefully chosen words.
- ∞ Use poetry format, including line breaks, to convey poems' message
- ∞ Use literacy crafting strategies, such as line breaks and repetition for writing poems.

Mini Lesson

Connection - preparing students' thinking

Remind students that many of their playground songs for jump rope and hand clapping games are a version of a poem.

Explain to students that writing poetry is a good way to express their feelings.

Teacher may ask the following questions:

What is poetry?

Do you know any poems?

Do you know any poems about feelings?

Teaching - Mini Lesson

Teacher explains to students they will be writing free verse poems about feelings.

Teacher reads out loud a few examples.

Teacher and students brainstorm different types of feelings. Feelings are recorded on the chart paper with markers.

Teacher and students go to www.gigglepoetry.com, "Poetry Class", and then "Poetry About Feelings." Everyone reviews how to write a poem about feelings from the website.

Teacher models with the class how to write a poem about your feelings following the format on the website using Kidspiration.

Active Engagement - Guided Practice

Students actively listen and participate with the teacher and help write a class poem about a feeling.

Independent Practice

Teacher

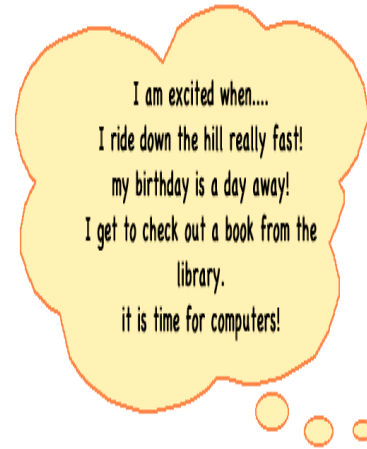
- ∞ Monitors student progress on writing their poems and helping any students that need further assistance.

Students

- ∞ In Kidspiration students create their poems about feelings.
- ∞ Save and print their poems.

Sharing/Closure

- ∞ Students will share their poems with three other students.



Example

Assessment

- ∞ Teacher collects students' poems and evaluates them. A "3" indicates there are no word processing errors and that their poem was about a feeling.

