



# Introduction

Writing is an essential skill for effective communication. Children as early as preschool need to be in learning environments where they are able to explore a wide range of printed and written materials, and where they are encouraged to write frequently and for a variety of purposes. Teachers need to find many different ways to incorporate writing activities throughout the day, as well as keeping young children interested in learning how to write. *The Biggest Book of Reproducible Books* provides teachers and parents with reproducible books, journals, writing paper, activities, and ideas that will make “writing practice” both fun and motivating for young writers.

- **My Spelling Book** is a 35 half-page word book that is organized alphabetically with large easy-to-read word lists. This book can promote spelling, vocabulary development, and handwriting skills. This book is a writing resource — including 880 words and space for children to write additional words on each page. Activity ideas are also included as well as several pages of essential everyday words, such as colors, numbers, holiday words, and more.
- **My Photo Picture Dictionary** is a 44 page picture dictionary with 375 words, photo pictures, and sentences using each of the words. This is a tremendous book for young children who are just learning how to read and write as well as for English Language Learners (ELL) and children who are struggling in school.
- **My Journal** and **My Storybook** have a wide variety of reproducible writing paper and “design your own” covers. Teachers can choose the appropriate line width (kindergarten and primary widths), the number of lines and illustration boxes on each of the pages, and the number of pages in each journal or storybook for their individual students. Young children, or struggling writers, may only want pages with two writing lines, whereas older or more skilled children may wish to write full pages. A large list of journal topics, writing suggestions, story writing guidelines, and publishing ideas are also provided for the teacher.
- **My Phonics Book** can be as large as 76 half-pages, including over 2300 words organized by phonograms—long and short vowel sounds, beginning and final consonant blends, r-controlled vowels, beginning and ending consonant digraphs, and vowel digraphs and diphthongs. Children will add more pages to their phonics books as their skills grow. Blank lines are provided on each page for the children to write down additional words.
- **My “All About Me” Book** comes with 27 half-pages designed to encourage children to write and draw pictures about themselves and about topics that are personally important. This book is a fun “year-long” project, which should include many other pages and drawings created by the children during the year.
- **My Year Book** comes with 21 half-pages that help children write about school year memories, special events, friends, teachers, things they have learned, and how they have grown. This is another book that is fun to work on all year long. Writing about school parties, field trips, and other special events right after they have happened make the writing experiences much more valuable. Encourage the children to add their own pages. This book will become an individual special memory book for each child.
- **My Own Newspaper** offers teachers two different templates and a full page of detailed teaching suggestions for creating classroom newspapers as well as for using the newspaper as an effective teaching tool.
- **Graphic Novels**, or what many of us call comic books, can be used to motivate children to read and write. Children delight in using the style and look of graphic novels when they dream up characters, plots, dialogue, and illustrations. Included are activity ideas for this format to be used as a springboard for creative writing and there are four different reproducible comic and filmstrip writing and illustration pages.
- **Accordion Books** are great fun to make and they allow the writer to decide “how long” or “how short” to make their story. Complete directions, additional activity ideas, and reproducible pages are provided.
- **Themed Shape Books** are found in the final section of *The Biggest Book of Reproducible Books*. The shape books encourage different types of story genres and a variety of reasons to write, such as journaling about a vacation, writing nonfiction information about a pet, a make-believe bedtime story, or a story written as science fiction.

*The Biggest Book of Reproducible Books* will provide a classroom of eager (and some not-so-eager) young writers with a wealth of materials, writing books, journals, suggestions, activities, and ideas that will encourage them to write about topics of interest. It will also help them to develop an understanding of the writing process and to practice some of the strategies needed to become good writers.