

# 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 (may have multiple copies)
- \_\_\_ 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!)