

In *Designs for Learning and Living*, the authors write that when children “are in an environment filled with diverse, everyday literacy experiences, they come to understand its value and meaning, and are eager to decode and reproduce these symbols in their world (Curtis and Carter, 2003, 149).

My project, “Ready, Set, Write” has allowed me to purchase high interest materials and supplies for my young writers. These resources have helped to improve writing in all areas of my classroom, especially the writing center. Students have been excited about using the materials to create books, cards, pictures, etc.

Writing is a very important part of the early childhood curriculum. An intentional teacher who models good writing on a daily basis and a classroom rich in writing materials allows children to explore themselves as writers while at the same time preparing them to be readers. Thank you so much for making it possible for me to purchase these materials for my classroom. It has certainly made a difference for my students this year and will continue to impact my classroom for years to come!

Thanks again!

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