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**“Promising Practices Classroom Activity”**

Title of Activity: Published Writings\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Recommended to use with this number of students: Individual, small grp, or whole grp\_

Content Area: All content areas\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level(s): K-8\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Match to Georgia Standard(s): Writing Standards (i.e., ELAGSE5W4; ELAGSE5W5;\_\_

 ELAGSE5W6)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Note: Use the remainder of this page and up to one additional page for describing the activity.

* This is a school year-long published writing activity that can involve individuals, small groups, or whole groups of students. At the beginning of the year, teachers coordinate with the Studentreasures Publishing Company to publish student writings for publication near the end of the year free of charge. Within a few weeks, the publishing company will mail the publishing kits to one point of contact (POC) at the school. The POC maintains the kits until needed by participants.
* Kindergarten through 3rd grade students publish class books with each student publishing a page (front and back) in the book. Class book kits contain 66 kit pages (33 pages of text and 33 illustrated pages). Fourth through 6th grade students publish individual books containing 7 pages of text and 7 illustrated pages.
* During the first half of the school year, teachers use the writing process to assist students in prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing their writing in preparation for later publication.
* Students can write about history topics in social studies classes; write about science topics in science classes; write stories and poems in English Language Arts classes; or write math poems/math topics in math classes.
* Once students have drafted, revised, and edited their work for publication, they publish their work on the Studentreasure’s publishing paper (portrait lined; portrait unlined; landscape primary; or landscaped unlined paper). The school-level POC mails the completed publishing kits back to the publishing company.
* Teachers plan author celebrations for students to showcase their published bound books at school. Celebrations may include an author’s tea; a book signing party; poetry reading; ice cream social; or a writing night.
* Within 2-3 weeks, Studentreasures will return students’ published bound books to the school. Author celebrations then occur at school.
* The pride of authorship may enhance students’ interest in reading and writing.