



SkyLight Writers Club

PROFESSIONALLY PUBLISHED BOOKS BY AND FOR STUDENTS

A Tandem Light Press Educational Initiative



ENVISION. COLLABORATE. CREATE. PUBLISH.



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LIVE. LEARN. WRITE.

AT A GLANCE

- The SkyLight Writers Club is a school program designed to ignite an excitement about writing in young people. We do this by providing a unique opportunity to improve writing skills while also exposing young people to a real professional publishing experience.
- Students will write pieces that coincide with their English Language Arts curriculum—be it poetry, short stories, creative writing, or nonfiction—that are peer edited, compiled into a book, and printed for them.
- Members of the Tandem Light Press publishing team, all professionals in both publishing and education, will be available to visit the classroom and engage students in activities and discussions about writing, editing, marketing, publishing, typography, and bookmaking.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

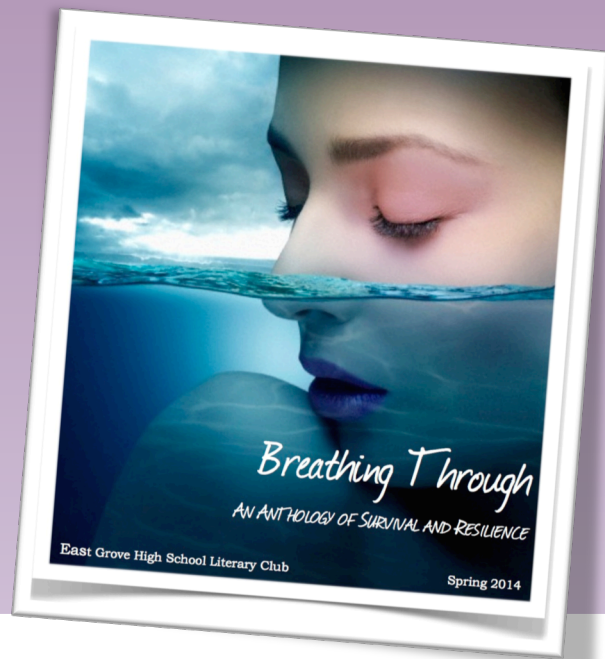
The SkyLight Writers Club is an academic program that engages students in the craft of creative writing. Students who have creative, strong writing skills are more likely to not only pursue higher education, but also finish college. Through a supplemental program, students are taken through a series of instruction and activities that help them bring a book idea to life. At the end of the program, students will have the opportunity to publish their most prized piece in a collaborative book that can be used as a keepsake or gifts for family and friends. The SkyLight Writers Club is designed to help young people realize their potential as writers, boost confidence levels, enhance writing skills, and ultimately, help them take pride in what they will be able to achieve.

PARTICIPANTS

The SkyLight Writers Club is appropriate for grades 2-12.

COMMON CORE COMPATIBILITY

The SkyLight Writers Club offers a one of a kind book and experience for students, staff, and parents. While the project can be loads of fun for all involved, we understand that the learning process is equally important, which is why our writing program is compatible with the Common Core Curriculum. This helps students learn to become more efficient at understanding even the smallest of details in a story. The SkyLight Writers Club is a great way to have students practice what they are learning and to learn what a real publishing process can be like. Best of all, the SkyLight Writers Club is flexible and can be adapted to any subject so that students can maximize their educational experiences across the curriculum.



“THE ROLE OF A WRITER IS NOT TO SAY WHAT WE ALL CAN SAY, BUT WHAT WE ARE UNABLE TO SAY.”
~ANAÏS NIN

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Three easy steps:

1. Classes select a topic or theme and prepares to have one book published together.
2. Students write and edit their work to the best of their ability.
3. Teachers submit entries by mail or electronically.

Selecting a topic can be a fun and easy process. Topics can be fiction or non-fiction and can reflect what students are learning in class. For instance, if classes have a specific theme for the month or for the academic year, it may be ideal to have students pick topics that relate to that particular theme.

EDITING

The intent of the SkyLight Writers Club is to provide each student the most realistic publishing experience possible. We want them to feel like published authors! So, we ask of our young people what we ask of all of our writers—that each student edits his or her own work. Editing in the real world means editing individually and with others. Teachers may need to help younger writers with the editing process, but this is all part of the learning experience. Once the piece is in the best condition possible, our professional editors will take it from there!

ILLUSTRATIONS

Illustrations are a great way to enhance any story. They also invigorate the imagination of the artist and help them have an even greater sense of ownership of their story. We encourage our young authors to accompany their pieces with an illustration, but it is not required.

THE BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

Every great book deserves it's own launch party! After the books have been published, the school will have the opportunity to celebrate with a book launch party for the school community. A selection of students may share their stories; others may perform; and of course, the young authors will have a chance to sign and sell their books. It is a celebration to remember that truly honors their hard work.

Order forms will be sent home in advance to give friends and families a chance to share in this magnificent opportunity to order copies of their child's book, which can be picked up at the party. Books can also be purchased at the event for the full price.

EASY NO-RISK FUNDRAISING

Schools can keep a portion of proceeds to fund their own educational objectives. School pays no up front costs, but shares profits of book sales with Tandem Light Press (school earns 35% of sales). Book prices are negotiable, but are typically set at \$25-\$35. This is an initiative that serves dual benefits: a no-risk method of fundraising for the school and a priceless keepsake for family and friends.



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ABOUT TANDEM LIGHT PRESS AND SKYLIGHT BOOKS

Tandem Light Press is a company committed to inspirational life change through publishing, life coaching, and motivational speaking. Our mission is four-fold: Excellence, Accessibility, Education, and Innovation.

SkyLight Books, a children's imprint of Tandem Light Press, is committed to keeping a love for reading and writing alive and well in our young people. The mission of the SkyLight Writers Club is to awaken the young writer within. Every student has a story to tell and with the help of teachers and parents, we want to help them tell that story in grand fashion—by including their work in a professionally published anthology. It's the ultimate reward for any great writing piece!

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