




Act: KW1		
Grade: K	Strand: Writing	Concept: Communicating Information
Description of Task:	<b>Write Words KidPix 2</b> Students write familiar words using the tools available in the program.	
Expectations:	Ke25 – write using a variety of tools and media (e.g., crayons, paper, computer, chalkboards, coloured markers, cardboard); Ke26 - write simple messages using a combination of pictures, symbols, letters, phonetic spellings, and familiar words (e.g., grocery list; labels for a block or sand construction, such as a zoo or a space station); Ke29 – use a variety of media (e.g., computer software, tapes, filmstrips); Ke30 – use a variety of materials to communicate information (e.g., illustrations, photographs, posters, graphs);	
Software Type:	Productivity Tool: Word Processing KidPix 2	
Computer Skills Prerequisite	Students must be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access and run the word processing program</li> <li>• Use a mouse to find and click on icons</li> <li>• Find and press keys on keyboard using index finger</li> <li>• Save the file</li> <li>• Print completed work</li> </ul>	
Student Instructions: (for teacher)	<p>Have students work in pairs. Run the Kid Pix program:</p> <p>A) Click on the Alphabet tool in the left-hand button bar.  To type a letter, click on a letter from the selection at the bottom of the screen, and click in the work area. The letter will appear where the mouse was clicked. The program “speaks” the name of the letter. By clicking, students can write words such as their names, labels for items in the classroom, labels for block constructions, grocery lists or labels for pictures they draw.</p> <p>B) Another way to produce text is to use the keyboard. Click on the typewriter tool.  Click in the work area. Type a word by choosing letters on the keyboard. When entering text in this way, the backspace key can be used to erase letters.</p> <p>Use the eraser tool to erase letters. </p> <p>Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change the colour of the text by clicking on the colour palette to choose a different color.</li> <li>• Change the font by choosing a different style from the bottom of the screen.</li> </ul>	
Teacher Notes:	Word cards can be mounted near the computer for the students to copy (i.e., theme words, classroom items, grocery lists, etc.) Teachers should model and demonstrate aspects of the program: clicking on icons to choose functions, selecting, and dragging items on screen. Students will need to know how to run the program, select items with the mouse and using the keyboard. Students may track letters completed on a blank keyboard sheet, writing in the names of the letters of the alphabet once found on the keyboard and completed (use toolbox_keyboard file in Toolbox folder). Students may also save and print a hard copy printout of the completed page to	

	include in a Portfolio.
	Related offline activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students match familiar words on cards to corresponding picture cards.</li> </ul>
	Activity Template File: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Instruction BLM: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assessment:	Does the student write some familiar words from classroom? (Curriculum) Does the student demonstrate courtesy and follow classroom procedures when making appropriate use of the computer? (Responsibility / Catholicity) Does the student press keys on keyboard using index finger? (Keyboarding)