

		Act: KW1
Grade: K	Strand: Writing	Concept: Communicating Information
Description of Task:	<u>Write Words (KidPix 3)</u> Students write familiar words using the tools available in the program.	
Expectations:	Ke25 – write using a variety of tools and media; 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;	
Software Type:	Productivity Tool: Word Processing KidPix 3	
Computer Skills Prerequisite	Students must be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access and run the word processing program• Use a mouse to find and click on icons• Find and press keys on keyboard using index finger• Save the file• Print completed work	
Student Instructions: (for teacher)	1. Tell students that they are going to use the computer to write some words they know. 2. Remind students of the words they may be familiar with (their name, words posted around the room, etc.) 3. Model for students how to use the program to write text, and to have it read back. (Use a data projector if available.) 4. Basic instructions for this task are attached (for teacher).	
Teacher Notes:	Teachers should model and demonstrate aspects of the program: running the program, clicking on icons to choose the text function, selecting, and dragging items onto the screen, typing letters using the keyboard. Have students work on this activity in pairs. 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. Word cards can be mounted near the computer for the students to copy (i.e., theme words, classroom items, grocery lists, etc.) Related offline activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students match familiar words on cards to corresponding picture cards.	
	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 the classroom environment? (Curriculum) Does the student demonstrate courtesy and follow classroom procedures when making appropriate use of the computer? (Responsibility / Catholicity) Does the student locate keys on keyboard using index finger? (ICT) Is the student able to create and delete text using the program? (ICT)	

Writing Familiar Words (KW1)

Task: Students write familiar words using the tools available in KidPix 3.

Step 1: Run the Kid Pix program.



Step 2: Click on the Alphabet tool in the left-hand button bar.

Step 3: Click on the screen where you want to place the text. A text box will appear.

Step 4: Inside the text box begin typing, choosing letters on the keyboard.

Step 5: To hear the program “speak” the name of the letter, or the word, click on the



speaking tool, and then on the text.

Step 6: To delete letters, use the backspace key on the keyboard.



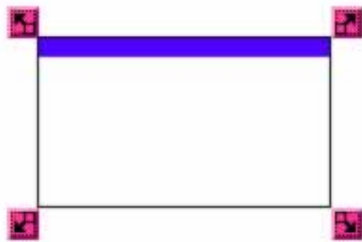
Step 7: Exit the program using the exit button to the right of the screen.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Change the colour of the text by clicking on the colour palette to choose a different color.
- Change the font by choosing a different style from the bottom of the screen.



- To move the text box to a different location on the slide, place the cursor on the blue title bar of the text box. Drag the box to another location.



To resize a textbox, use one of the pink handles at each corner. Click and drag to make the box larger or smaller.

- To spell check the text in a box, access the spellcheck function in the file menu by selecting **Toolbox >> Check Spelling...**
- To lock the text so it can't be moved or edited, select **Toolbox >> Flatten Text...**



- To erase text from a slide after it has been locked (flattened), use the eraser tool from the toolbar at the left of the screen. Once selected, choose the pencil eraser from the tray at the bottom of the screen.

