

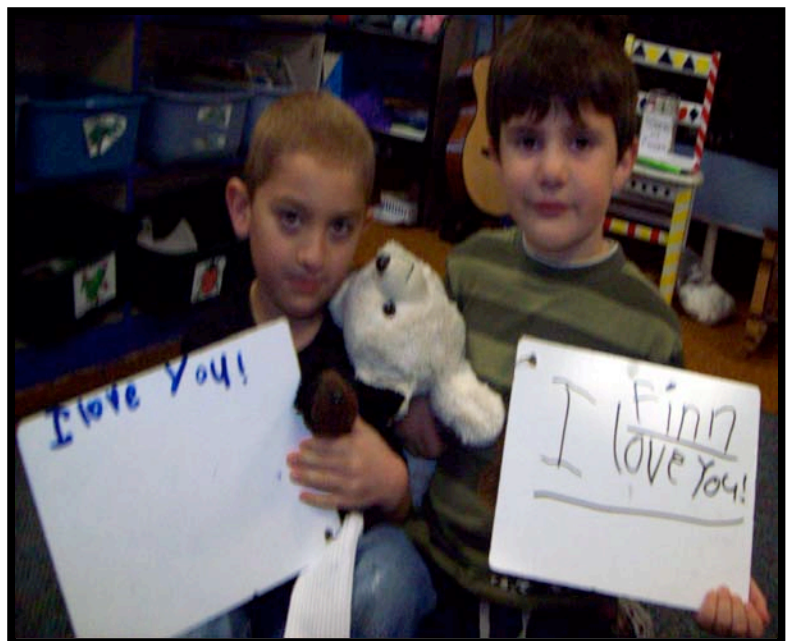
# All Kindergartners Love to Write, and Writing Teaches Reading On Stuffed Animal Day, Of Course We Write to Our Snuggly Buddies!

It's early November in Kindergarten.  
Handwriting fluency and goal setting is an individual process.



Twenty boys and five girls all write, "I love you" with as many accurately hand-written letters as they have mastered. We keep challenging each child with new words.

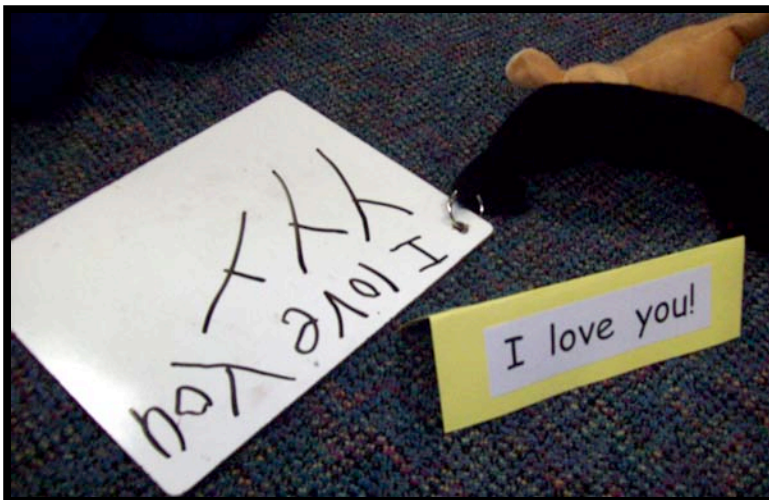
Less experienced writers can refer to models of "I love you" available to them. In this lesson, printing the letters "y" and "u" on the white boards provides instructional focus. Children had already mastered the letter "o" during "O Dance" week.



## Basic Handwriting Motions are Practiced Through Songs and Chants, Sign Language, Movement Patterns, and Dance...



This boy added the name of his stuffed animal "Meow Meow".



We provide engaging, large group, multi-sensory activities in song, sign, and dance to teach the "heart" words "I", "love", and "you".



Another boy has mastered "I", "love", and the "y". His next handwriting goal is the letter "u". Teachers Nellie Edge and Katie Nelson individually coach children on efficient Kindergarten handwriting.

# Children Pause, Think, and Talk About to Whom They Say, "I love you", and Where They Could Hide Their Secret Messages...



"I say, 'I love you' to my Mom...  
I could hide one in the refrigerator  
...under the computer...in Dad's shoe..."



After practicing the word "you" on white boards, children select colored markers and begin writing on horizontal strips of paper. Kindergarten-friendly handwriting is practiced in a meaningful context.



This thoughtful writer was planning where to hide each new message. "I'll get up after my sister is asleep and put one in her bedroom."



This is what engaged learners look like. Sometimes the biggest challenge is that no one wants to stop....

## Children Learn to Write By Writing Powerful and Meaningful Messages: I love you!



Sometimes the engaged writers pause to decorate their messages.



"I'm going to send this to my Grandma in Arizona," says one ambitious writer.



One boy decided to make ten secret messages to hide all around his home - even his sister's bedroom.



When this boy decided to write secret messages and number them 1-20, he also perfected the "y".