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Favorite Programs for Beginning Writers

PROGRAM	INFO	COMMENTS
ClarisWorks for Kids http://www.kidsdomain.com/review/kdr/clarisworks.html	Apple Computer	The version of ClarisWorks that's tailored to young learners in grades K-5. It features oversized drawing and writing pads, age-appropriate templates, school fonts, intuitive menus and text-to-speech support.
Clicker 4 http://www.cricksoft.com/uk/clicker_products/index.htm	Crick Software (K-5)	On screen word grid program using pictures, words, letters and/or phrases for writing. Uses an integrated word processor to display words and pictures.
Dr. Peet's Picture Writer http://www.drpeet.com/PictureWriterPage.htm	Dr. Peet's (Pre-K-2)	Designed for novice writer; incorporates voices and songs. A student writes by selecting pictures; the computer then reads aloud what he wrote.
Easy Book Deluxe http://www.sunburst.com/	Sunburst (3-8)	An innovative book publishing program including illustrations and text. Special features include text-to-speech reading, thesaurus and spell checker.
Imagination Express http://www.edmark.com/prod/	Edmark (K-8)	Children develop their language, writing and reading skills as they create interactive electronic stories and beautiful printed books. 6 environments available.

<p>Kid Works Deluxe http://sunburst-store.com</p>	<p>Sunburst/ Knowledge Adventure (K-4)</p>	<p>A multimedia creativity tool that combines a word processor and paint program into one package. Includes tools, animated graphics and sound effects.</p>
<p>Stanley's Sticker Stories http://www.edmark.com/prod/</p>	<p>Edmark (PreK-2)</p>	<p>Create animated storybooks with more than 300 stickers! They can record their own sounds and animate characters with the click of a button. Stories can be printed or played back and read on the screen.</p>
<p>Storybook Weaver Classic Deluxe http://www.broderbund.com</p>	<p>The Learning Company/ Broderbund (1-6)</p>	<p>The student creates storybooks with pictures, words, sounds and music in English or Spanish. Speech output option reads the story aloud.</p>
<p>SunBuddy Writer http://www.sunburst.com/</p>	<p>Sunburst (K-2)</p>	<p>An easy-to-use picture and word processor designed especially for young writers!. Stories can also be recorded.</p>
<p>Writing with Symbols http://www.mayer-johnson.com/software/Vws.html</p>	<p>Mayer-Johnson (PreK-Up)</p>	<p>This powerful word/picture processing program allows you to type words and have the option of having picture symbols quickly pop in with each word. Speech output and scanning options.</p>