

## **Writing for REAL audiences is key to success!**

*This list was created by Buhler, KS teachers.*

- Class newspaper or newsletter
- Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper, a company president, principal, or another authority (hot topics)
- Blog about novels with another classroom
- Showcase writing in businesses (decorated place mats with the artwork and writing displayed)
- Santa letters (lower grades wrote a letter to Santa...upper grades responded as Santa)
- Write sections of a grant
- Packet for new families (could include a cd, brochures, information about the school written and produced by kids)
- Open house brochure for parents
- Recipe book or another technical piece for someone else to follow (<http://www.monsterexchange.org>)
- Utilize pictures to communicate thoughts (<http://www.voicethread.com>)
- Classroom to classroom letters comparing your environment, culture, etc. (Kansas to California, etc.)
- Write a Reader's Theatre for a book.
- Welcome letter (to a new student, another classroom, a new person in the neighborhood, or leader in your community)
- Procedures for classroom, lunchroom, recess, literacy centers, independent reading, daily jobs, and hallway
- School alphabet book
- Visitor's guide (to the school, classroom, community)
- "All About" books (all about a science experiment, unit of study, book, special person, etc.)
- Class journal (daily happenings, major things learned)
- Letter to the principal requesting something or inviting her to a learning celebration
- Advice (to parents of new babies, next year's students, to teachers, new students)
- What to do if (spider bite, when you are bored, when you've done something hurtful)
- Recipes
- Favorite foods (hobbies, places, people)
- Book reviews for the library (school or community library)
- Thank you notes (volunteers, visitors, crossing guards, custodians, previous teachers, school secretaries, librarians, parents)
- Letters of encouragement (to students taking tests, soldiers, Seniors)
- A book about the teachers at our school
- Short plays
- After reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, write a letter to a favorite candy company (some will send great treats back!).