I Can Be an Author

Time needed: Two 40-minute class periods

Recommended Level: Grades PK-4

Categories: Awareness, Defining

Common Core Standard(s): Writing to convey information,

Understanding perspectives and culture,

Reading – foundational skills, Language

Purpose: Students will write a book

complete with illustrations on bullying.

DISCUSSION:

The class will brainstorm different bullying situations.

Prior to this activity, the class would have to have some previous knowledge about an author, his/her audience and the illustrator.

ACTIVITY:

Before the lesson, choose some of the children's trade books on the market about bullying. There are many available through several sources. It would be important to show a variety for the students. You could even have a local author come in to discuss book writing with the class.

The students will write their own book with illustrations. Base the number of pages/words on the grade level of students.

These books could be placed in the school library or presented to other classrooms for their libraries.

If you have a class that could not write their own book, you could write a class book with each child contributing a page or two on the same topic.

FOLLOW-UP:

What did you find the most difficult task was in writing your book?

What would you do differently?

Who would you like to share your book with?

