

A Kindergarten Teacher's Dream

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"My friend, K told me about STEPS last year. I didn't know a lot about it, but she seemed to think it was wonderful. When I heard that there was going to be a class on STEPS, I decided to take advantage of the opportunity to see what K thought was so great. I am so glad that I did.

Things are a lot different this year. My kids are the smartest in the world!...The first thing I introduced them to was the writing component. This was every kindergarten teacher's dream. We always hear other teachers complain that students write the wrong way. They do not start letters where they are supposed to and do not form them correctly. We started learning about the top line, base line, and midline. Then we learned the six strokes. My kids picked up on this immediately. With each letter, my students were writing like they had been writing for years and years. It almost seemed too good to be true....

The STEPS program has given my students a lot of confidence. They feel so successful when they are saying the letter sounds. They feel so smart. They are beginning to read and decode so many sounds."