

# Welcome, Author!

In this class, you are on your way to writing and publishing your own children's book!

During each class, you will watch a video that discusses the next steps to writing your own children's book. At the end of the course, you will submit your full story with illustrations to us and we will submit it for publishing on Amazon.

Are you ready to become a published author? We can't wait to celebrate your success!



**LEMON HOUSE**  
P U B L I S H I N G

# Author Contract

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to follow the steps outlined in this writing course.

I agree to be open to ideas from my peer editors (family and friends).

I am willing to be creative and open.

I am committed to publishing my book.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Checklist

- Listen to Addy Wants to Fit In
- Choose character
- Choose problem
- Try, Try, Try, Change
- Write Rough Draft
- Type Rough Draft
- Peer editing (3-5 family/friends)
- Revise story
- Format to 12 pages of text
- Dedication
- About the Book
- About the Author
- Author Photo
- Complete Illustrations
- Submit to Lemon House Publishing

# Brainstorm Box

## Sample - Addy Wants to Fit In

### Main Character Name:

Addy

### Character Type (Animal? Human?)

Ant

### Supporting characters:

Mom, Dad, 2 brothers, friends in the colony, ladybug (in illustrations only)

### Problem main character is facing:

Addy is nervous to try new foods and everyone gives her a hard time. She wants to fit in and be able to try new things.

### How do they overcome it?

Addy walks alone and comes across corn. She realizes no one will tease her if she tries it. She develops the courage to try it, and likes it!

# Try, Try, Try, Change

## Sample - Addy Wants to Fit In

### Try #1:

Her parents want Addy to try a carrot.

### Why didn't it work?

They were taking a photo of her and it made her nervous.

### Try #2:

Her friends want Addy to try a pea.

### Why didn't it work?

They were all watching her and it made her nervous.

### Try #3:

Her dad wants Addy to try a blueberry for \$10.

### Why didn't it work?

She thought if he was paying her it must be yucky.

### What changes?

She is finally alone, no one was watching her or teasing her.

# Brainstorm Box

## Your Own Story

Main character's name:

Character type (Animal? Human?)

Supporting characters:

Problem the main character is facing:

How do they overcome it?

# Try, Try, Try, Change Your Own Story

Try #1:

Why didn't it work?

Try #2:

Why didn't it work?

Try #3:

Why didn't it work?

What changes?

# More Ideas

## Your Own Story

**Title Ideas:**

**What is the lesson of the story?**

**5 words to describe your character:**

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

**What does your main character look like?**



# Notes