



# CLUTTER-FREE CLASSROOM IS HIRING RESOURCE CREATORS *for our* LITERACY CURRICULUM TEAM

We are excited to be expanding our popular collection of Starts With a Story™ picture book companions for the upcoming school year. In order to be able to support more educators, we're looking for a few experienced classroom teachers (or literacy specialists) to join our incredible team of talented curriculum creators this summer!

- ✓ Are you passionate about children's literature?
- ✓ Do you get giddy at the sight of all those colorful pages of words and images and immediately think about all the opportunities they offer for teaching so many academic and life lessons?
- ✓ Does your head swirl with questions to ask, points to ponder, or topics to talk about with your 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade students as you turn the pages of a well-written, beautifully-illustrated picture book?



## IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU, KEEP READING!



### JOB DETAILS

- » This is a remote contractor position. You'll create your own schedule within project deadlines. You can work anywhere you have an internet connection. You can even work in your pajamas. In fact, our unofficial company uniform is comfy pants and a messy bun.
- » Projects will begin on June 22, 2021 with weekly deadlines throughout the summer. There is also potential opportunity to continue during the school year.
- » Payment is project-based (equivalent to \$25.00/hour). After 8 weeks, you will also receive full access to all of our of reading, writing, math & classroom decor collections.
- » You'll need to be able to commit to 8-15 hours each week for the summer.



### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

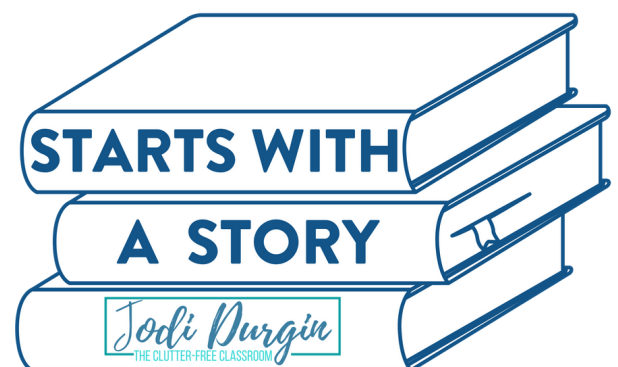
- **Bachelor's Degree (must be in an education area** - advanced degrees preferred)
- **3+ recent years as a classroom teacher in grades 1-3** or elementary literacy specialist position
- **strong communication skills** (written and verbal)
- **proficiency in Google Slides and Google Docs**
- **comprehensive understanding of state and national literacy standards (CCSS, TEKS, etc)**

# YOUR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1 You will be combining your educational background, teaching experiences, understanding of best practices and your passion for picture books to make a positive impact on hundreds of thousands of children on a global level.
- 2 You'll be supporting teachers by creating lessons and activities they can easily implement in their classrooms. Best of all, they will do so with enthusiasm and confidence knowing they're providing meaningful, engaging, and interactive learning opportunities that are accessible to all their students.
- 3 You will be fostering a love of learning in students and helping them to develop a greater understanding of people, places and situations. You will make it possible for children to see themselves, learn about others, build schema and increase their interest in and appreciation for the diverse world that is waiting for them to make a difference in it.

## For each book companion project, you will be responsible for...

- » writing a summary of the story
- » identifying and defining key words that will strengthen a child's vocabulary and deepen their comprehension of the text
- » developing standards-based comprehension questions/discussion starters and providing possible responses
- » pinpointing examples of well-written mentor sentences and making suggestions for grammar and writing lessons that can be taught using the author's craft as an authentic model
- » formulating 30 writing prompts (three each for ten types of writing) based on the story
- » analyzing the events of the story to determine social emotional learning topics and composing talking points to promote those skills and foster character-building



# STRENGTHS AND ABILITIES

Consider yourself to be an ideal candidate if...

- >> You are detail-oriented and have high standards when it comes to quality.
- >> You are self-motivated, focused and work systematic when completing projects.
- >> You can be described as professional, coachable and open to constructive feedback.
- >> You have outstanding communication skills (both written and verbal).
- >> You have a passion for supporting teachers in the important work they do
- >> You want to make a bigger impact in education and on the lives of children.



## APPLICATION PROCESS

### READ & REFLECT

Review all of the info we've provided about this positions and determine if you would be a good fit.

STEP  
01



STEP  
02

### WORK SAMPLE

Use the directions on the following page to show off your skills.



### APPLICATION

Fill out your official application using the Google Form.

STEP  
03



STEP  
04

### INTERVIEW

We will meet with you via an online video call.



### PAID TRIAL

Using our training materials, templates & clear criteria for success, you'll create a complete book companion. If it meets the criteria, and can be added to our collection, you'll be paid for your work and assigned more projects as an official team member.

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# APPLY FOR THIS POSITION

- First, complete a sample project. This is a "scaled-down" version of the book companion templates you will be using when working on full projects.
- Then, complete the online application.

## SAMPLE PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS

**ALL LINKS CAN BE FOUND AT**  
**[jodidurgin.com/team](http://jodidurgin.com/team)**

**Download this PDF.** You will find a completed sample of one of our picture book companions. Use that as a model when completing your work sample.

**Access the Google Slide Presentation.** You will be completing this task using Google Slides.

- 1) Make a copy of the practice template.
- 2) Rename your copy as: **YOUR LAST NAME, YOUR FIRST NAME | LITERACY TEAM APPLICATION**
- 3) Set the share settings to "anyone with a link can view."
- 4) When you fill out your Google Form application, you will need to copy and include the link to your work sample.

**Complete the sample project.** The Google slide presentation includes everything you need to complete the task. If you do not have a copy of the book, there is a link to the story being read aloud on slide 1. There are blue text boxes throughout the presentation with directions for each section.

## ONLINE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### Complete the Google Form Application

Answer each question and add the link to your work sample. Submit the form.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 6/15/21**