



Featured Teacher: Thania Durante

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Cast of Characters

Preschool students in Port St. Lucie, FL.

Background and Setting

Durante has been a teacher for 18 years. This is her first year with Studenttreasures.

Memorable Learning

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Weekly Kindness Lessons

As a faith-based teacher, Durante wrote about why she was inspired to create a classbook. "This is my first year with Studenttreasures. My students and I chose the title 'My World Full of Kindness' based on our weekly lesson about kindness. My class wants to be able to teach children around the world that we are all God's children who share His word and love with everyone around us."

Fun Characters and Colorful Drawings

Durante is passionate about teaching her students about kindness. She incorporated fun activities to make the lessons more enjoyable and created an amazing kindness classbook in the process.

"My students enjoyed the entire process of becoming writers. Their families were even more excited to receive the published books. We began by putting up a draft

showcasing individual love, care and kindness experiences, creating fun characters and drawing colorful pictures. After completing 20 stories we put our pages together to ship our finished masterpiece."

Literacy Journey

The growth that Durante witnessed in her students was remarkable.

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Creating Active Readers

Creating a classbook has taught Durante's preschoolers to describe characters, sequences and more while reading a story.

"There is one student who grew from not understanding how to identify parts of a book to describing a sequence of events and responding to the main characters in a story. Now he is an active reader and enjoys using writing tools and creating diagrams."

An Easter Surprise

"My entire class was so excited to find out we published a book. Our director walked through the door and said, 'Hey guys, I have a box here for your class,' while I was in the middle of serving my class their food during our family day for "Easter Bunny Day." We all jumped joyfully, smiling and cheering together. Afterward, our families picked up their book copies. I received so many compliments from the parents and how much their families enjoyed reading the stories over the weekend."

Once In A Lifetime Opportunity

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