## The Kindness Kangaroo Project

Invite an author into your classroom to create a book!

## Who is Author Sandra Wilson?

Author Sandra Wilson is passionate about empowering children through creativity. She works with them to write and illustrate books showing them how they can make a difference in this world. She has a B.A. degree in writing, numerous certifications in writing and child development, and over 35 years of working with children that support her Book Workshops.

The Kindness Kangaroo Project involves Sandra working with classrooms to gather story ideas and get student-drawn illustrations for each story in the current book series. These discussions include topics and scenarios that reinforce inclusion, acceptance, kindness and friendship in an ageappropriate context. Once the book is complete Sandra returns to the school to present the book to the school library and acknowledge and applaud the children who helped create it.

The Kindness Kangaroo Project is an initiative that builds excitement for reading, empowers children and inspires creativity. The children participate in a group discussion and are actively involved in creating characters and developing ideas and strategies on how they could respond in various situations. One of the positive outcomes of this project is empowering children by guiding them to feel valued and showing them that their creativity is an important part of the book. This project provides core curriculum correlations in literature, art and social development and involves the children in all aspects of the book-creating process. The books that come out of this project have a special meaning for the children involved but also offer fun stories, relatable drawings and a great learning experience for all those who read them. In fact, the ripple effect of the kindness and inclusion these books promote has gone well beyond the classroom.

## **Rates**

**Book package** – working together to create a printed book \$250 includes:

2 visits (1 to brainstorm ideas for the book and the second for the book launch)

FREE book for the school/group library

Group discount on purchase of books

Travel fees for outside the Region of Waterloo are extra.

**Virtual Book package** – using an internet meeting app to create a printed book together

\$150 includes:

2 virtual meetings (1 to brainstorm ideas for the book and the second to read the finished book to the group)

FREE book for the school/group library

Access to the book through Amazon's print-on-demand option

If you wish to have your class/group participate in a Kindness Kangaroo Project book workshop, please request the application form from sandra@kindnesskangaroopress.ca

"It was an absolute pleasure collaborating with Sandra on Courageous Caterpillar. Her calm and engaging presence helped the children connect immediately.

She was so organized & generous throughout the entire process. We are so grateful."