

Inspired by Tony DiTerlizzi's Ted, a lesson at WritingFix is challenging students of all ages to write original stories about unique imaginary friends. Student writers are challenged to work on *idea development* and *word choice* as they draft and revise their stories. Read the following stories and talk about where you see the writers showing good skills for both these writing traits.

## Derick

by Jake, second grade writer

I was going to TWIST writing camp where I got no friends. I saw an imaginary person on a bike. I was on my bike too so I asked him what his name was. It was Derick.

In Derick's family there was a problem. The problem was that they have no food. He and I made a deal that we would be friends. He turned into an imaginary friend. Our deal was that he would be able to make me a boy of many talents and I would provide his family with food.

We went to camp. I provided his family with so much food that he cured my hands and brain. I COULD WRITE. I wrote poems and stories that got published. I thanked Derrick.

I grew up to be a famous author. Derick's family survived because they got jobs and money to buy food.



## Adventure with Kylie

by Samantha, third grade writer

Hi! My name is Lia, and I have an imaginary friend named Kylie. She has all the powers in the universe. She is silver and gold because she is a special breed.

Kylie and I were walking in the dark after a rainy day, so it was extra triple muddy. I told Kylie to be careful, but she tripped over a hidden rock. She fell in the mud.

I laughed and pointed and covered my chest. Kylie was laughing too. I was laughing so hard I lost my balance and fell in the mud too! We both doubled up in laughter. We picked ourselves up and shook ourselves off.

Then Kylie picked me up and she flew us home. Mom shrieked when she saw us. Then, she started laughing. She gave us a bath and put us to bed after dinner. That was our biggest adventure of the summer!



The lesson that inspired this writing can be found online at the WritingFix website:  
[http://writingfix.com/Picture\\_Book\\_Prompts/Ted1.htm](http://writingfix.com/Picture_Book_Prompts/Ted1.htm)