Air It Out

**Introduction:** Kite flying is a joy for children anywhere and anytime. With this activity, the students get some practice writing their names and enjoying some kite-flying time. Is there a better way to spend a windy afternoon?

**Grade Level and Subject:** Kindergarten Writing and P.E.

**TEKS:** Writing 14A, 14D, 14E  
P.E. 1A, 1B, 3A, 5A, 7A, 7B, 7C

**Materials:** kites (every student should have one), tape, markers or crayons

**Activity:** Before the fun of kite flying commences, the teacher will need to complete some class time preparation.

Each student is to practice writing his or her name numerous times. When the student can legibly print his or her name, he or she is to do print it on a piece of paper. The teacher might want to consider letting the children use markers or crayons for this activity, since this paper will need to be seen from a distance.

Once each student has a paper with his or her name written legibly on it, the teacher and perhaps some helpful parents can tape this paper to a kite. The paper should be taped securely to the side of the kite that will be seen by the student as the kite flies in the air. Once all papers have been securely fastened to the kites, it is time to go outside.

Once outside, the teacher and parent volunteers can help the students get their kites in the air. Imagine the excitement the student will feel when he or she sees his or her name flying on the kite! The students should walk or run (depending on the wind conditions) with their kites fluttering in the air. The students can try hopping or skipping while their kite and name fly high. Any locomotive skill might be tried while the kites are in the air.

Of course, it goes without saying that this activity needs to take place on a windy day!

**Evaluation:** The teacher will need to make sure that the student can write legibly. Also, the teacher will need to be able to get the kites into the air and monitor the students’ behavior during the activity.