

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR Catherine Bailey

Thank you for your interest in an **AUTHOR VISIT!** All of my sessions are designed to get kids excited about reading and writing and can be fully customized for your specific needs.

READY, SET, READ

(Pre-K and under, Book Fairs, Literacy Nights, and Libraries)

Who's ready to read with me? I will share three of my picture books with little readers in a lively, engaging story time. Depending on the age and group size, this program can include a quick yoga session, some meditation moves, or free coloring sheets. Approximately 30 min, including time for Q&A and signing.

WILD ABOUT BOOKS

(Grades K-2)

Lobsters and Dinos and Bugs – Oh my! There's a lot to learn about the wild world of picture books. Kids will see how I hunt down ideas, wrangle them into a story, and turn that story into a book. This animal-themed, interactive presentation includes a reading of two books. Approximately 40 min, including time for Q&A and signing.

THE "WRITE" STUFF

(Grades 3-5)

Anyone can be an author. It just takes a little practice and a few tools! After a brief introduction about how I became an author, I will share tips and tricks for writing strong stories with specific examples from my books. Topics include theme, characters, setting, plot, literary devices, and editing. Approximately 45 min, including time for Q&A and signing.

PRICING: Each program is \$175 (max 3 per day). Venues outside of Martin County may require an additional travel fee.

BOOK ORDERS & SIGNING: Prior to the event, I will provide a book order form for you to send to parents. I can fulfill the requests directly, or I may work with local bookstores. The best approach will depend on the number of books ordered and the timing of the event. Parents may also purchase books and send them in with their children. If you anticipate a large number of books to be autographed, I recommend having me sign them ahead of time or afterward (please place a note with the child's first name on each book). I'm also happy to sign bookmarks and coloring sheets.

AUDIENCE SIZE: Large assemblies are fine as long as everyone can see and sit comfortably. I am also happy to visit individual classrooms.

WHAT I WILL BRING: My PPT presentation on a USB device, a book that I donate to your school, and props.

WHAT I NEED: Tech to display a PPT, microphone, and a schedule of grade levels and how many children are in each session.

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS: Free, downloadable coloring sheets and activity kits are available on my website. I also developed crafts for many of my books and can share those instructions and supply lists upon request.

PLEASE NOTE: A teacher must be present during the entire session. While photographs (and high fives and fist bumps!) are encouraged, videotaping is not permitted. I'll also need parking information ahead of time.