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School Visit Presentation

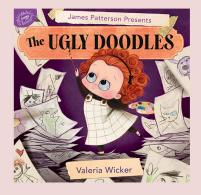


THE KNIGHT SNACKER

Sir Julian has a BIG problem. It's bedtime, but he's starving! Desperate for a snack to tame the hungry, grumbly beast in his stomach, he sets out on a quest to the kitchen. But there are frightening unknowns lurking around every corner. Can he summon the courage to brave the dark and stop his rumbling tummy?

Theme:overcoming fears, picky eaters.

"... kids will enjoy comic nods like the overly dramatic depiction of the unfamiliar-and therefore-monstrous dinner."-*Kirkus*



THE UGLY DOODLES

After an inspiring visit to the local art museum, Raven Rembrandt is eager to create her own beautiful masterpieces. But the only thing she can seem to draw are ugly doodles - and they won't go away, no matter how hard she tries to discard them! After a few increasingly inventive attempts to get rid of them, Raven realizes that the only way to learn to love her art is to just create.

Theme:self-esteem, appreciating imperfections.

"A hilarious ode to first attempts and revision results for every artist, writer, and maker."

-Ame Dyckman, New York Times bestselling author

I enjoy sharing my creative process with children, customizing presentations for two grade levels: K to 2 and 3 to 5. These sessions emphasize on character development, confidence, and self-esteem. Here's a preview of what each **1** *HR* session offers.

The Takeaway ...

THE MUSE

Children will learn where to find inspiration.

OVERCOMING INSECURITIES

Children will learn about perseverance and overcoming fears.

THE STORY OF A STORY

Children will learn process of making a book from idea to publication and the importance of teamwork.

THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

Children will learn that dedication is the key of succeeding and that everyone has equal potentials.

INTERACTIVE SESSION ABOUT BOOK'S THEME (if storytime is applicable)

Children will be asked questions related to the book's theme and how they apply to they're lives.

DRAW ALONG WITH ME

Children will learn how to use visualization to bring an idea to life and how to break it down with geometry.

Q&A

Short Q&A section with prepared questions.

LUNCH WITH THE AUTHOR (if applicable)

Small groups preferred.

BOOK SIGNING (after presentation)

One-on-one book signing or bactch book signing.