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SCHOOL VISITS

As a middle-grade author and a podcaster, I'd love to visit your school and talk about writing and story structure and give kids new ways of thinking about story and new *tools to tell their own!

Content options for my school visit:

- a discussion of how to create the structure of a story using a circus tent analogy and a knock, knock joke
- a discussion with students who've read the book, including how the book came to be and how I got input from a classroom full of kids during the writing process
- a discussion with faculty on story structure and how to teach it to kids in a way that's concrete and fun

Any or all of these options are available—depending on the length of my visit.

How to make the visit a success:



Do some prep work! Just a few minutes of preparation will help students ask amazing questions and get so much value and inspiration from my visit. Prep activities include:

- **Give access to the book** in the class or in the library.
- **Read from the book** in class.
- **Listen to The Mommy's Pen Podcast** in class. I host a podcast about stories and story structure with my 12-year-old daughter. I'm told that teachers find this a helpful classroom resource when teaching writing. Listen at mommypen.com or on your favorite podcast platform.
- **Brainstorm questions.** Help the kids brainstorm questions so when the Q&A time comes, they have something ready.
- **Offer the book for sale ahead of time.** Often the PTO will manage this as a fundraising activity. Local bookstores love to assist.
- **Alert students to the sale!** Nothing is more heartbreaking than watching a student stand empty-handed as friends get their copies signed.
- **Offer the book for sale after the event,** when students can't wait to read them. If you ship me a box of books, I can sign them and ship them back. Or just email me a list of names and I'll snail mail you some signed bookplates.

Cost:

My rate for a full day of dynamic presentations (up to six per day) is \$750 plus expenses. If budget is a concern, let me know what you can afford and I'll try to make it work. No school should miss the magic of an author visit due to financial limitations.

I ask you to cover my flight, hotel and ground transportation if a volunteer driver isn't available (for rides to and from the airport and rides to and from school). But remember, if you decide to invite me, you can reduce the flight expense significantly by asking other schools to book visits the same week I'm in town for you.

To get more info on school visits and scheduling, email me at suecampbellpdx@gmail.com.