

Megan Litwin

children's book author



Hello! I'm Megan Litwin, a children's book author and former teacher with over ten years of classroom experience. I love visiting schools and libraries! My mission as an author is much the same as when I was teaching: to help grow confident, curious, lifelong readers & thinkers.



And I want to help students believe that too.

I believe that:

*Reading is magic.
Writing is fun.
Creativity is contagious.*

I offer a range of programs, from classroom-based, curriculum-connected workshops to inspirational large-group assemblies. Want a student lunch or a book signing? An assembly followed by writing workshops? No problem! I tailor each visit to the unique and important group of students (or teachers) I'll be working with, and am happy to work together to create the best possible experience for all.

Sample Offerings:

*Making Magic:
Journey of a Book*

Idea Catchers

Crafting Poetry

Making Poems Shine

*The Secret Magic of
Picture Books*

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School Visit Offerings

MAKING MAGIC: JOURNEY OF A BOOK

Grades K-5 (45-50 minute assembly)

In this presentation, I'll walk students through the various stages of the writing and publishing process using a True/False game and digital slideshow. We'll talk about idea notebooks, messy first drafts, writing partners, editorial feedback, book designers, sketch dummies, and more! I'll share about my life as a writer, and how creativity, collaboration, patience, and perseverance all play a major role in this work...and in many kinds of work! With a read aloud and/or Q + A at the end, this offering can be tailored to various age/size groupings.

IDEA CATCHERS: OBSERVE, EXPLORE, WONDER, REPEAT

*Grades K-1 (30-40 minute workshop) or
Grades 2-3 (40-50 minute workshop)*

In this workshop (which could be single classroom or whole grade-level), we will focus on "catching ideas" - the very first step of the writing process. I'll share examples of how many of my books and poems began in my own backyard, simply by paying attention to what was right in front of me. We'll look at different methods for collecting sights and sounds and magic moments, and then take some time to begin that work together. Students will end this workshop empowered and excited to explore their own corner of the universe!

CRAFTING POETRY: READ, WRITE, PLAY

Grades K-1 (45-60 minute workshop)

Poetry is all about play! In this classroom-based workshop, we will read an assortment of poems, noticing things about each one, and explore the special things poets (and all writers) do as they work. Then we will "play with words" in a fun activity as we craft some poems together!

MAKING POEMS SHINE: READ, WRITE, PLAY, POLISH

Grades 2-3 (60 minute workshop)

Writers read, they write, they play...and they polish that writing until it shines. From first draft to polished poem, students will get a behind-the-scenes look at the writing process in this classroom-based workshop, with a particular focus on revision. After exploring some of the special things poets do to make their words shine, we'll dive into some poetry of our own with two engaging and accessible poem-building activities.

*"I wanted to say again how much we appreciated your visit with our first graders today! Your program is perfect for inspiring young writers. Your enthusiasm and passion for writing was clear for all to see, and helped the kids stay interested and engaged throughout your time with each class."
- Jen, 1st grade teacher*



*"You have a wonderful way with kids! My students learned so much, and I learned from watching you."
- Melissa, 4th grade teacher*

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Additional Information

EDUCATOR WORKSHOPS

Besides working with students, I also love spending time with educators! Below are professional development workshops that can be added onto a school visit for a reduced rate, or done as stand-alone sessions. Handouts/resources included.

POETRY IN THE PRIMARY CLASSROOM:

This one-hour workshop is all about the power and possibility of poetry in the classroom. Poetry will be examined as a teaching tool across the day - one that can be embedded into all parts of the curriculum with loads of benefits. Come play and learn!

THE SECRET MAGIC OF PICTURE BOOKS:

This one-hour workshop takes a deep dive into the many layers of an important and often misunderstood genre. We will explore and celebrate the breadth and depth of picture books - focusing on the many profound ways they can impact classrooms from K-12.

VIRTUAL VISITS

If in-person doesn't work for you, both "Making Magic" & "Idea Catchers" can be offered virtually. These could be done as a single classroom or a grade level gathered together. The smaller the group, the more interactive it can be. Twenty-minute virtual read aloud sessions are also available with no fee, when schools purchase a minimum of ten books (bookstore of your choice).

FREE VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

I offer a set number of free visits each year to Title One schools, so please contact me to chat about that. I also participate in World Read Aloud Day (free virtual readings), and I offer occasional classroom visit giveaways to newsletter subscribers. Join my email list (and get "Read, Write, Magic" delivered to your inbox four times a year) right on my website.

SIGNED BOOKS

I am happy to sign/personalize books for your school. A local bookstore can help you order books ahead of time, or you can use my local bookstore and I can bring the books with me on the day of the event. I can provide you with a book order form and more info on the various options as we coordinate our visit, including the potential for bulk order discounts.



2023-2024 Rates:

Single Presentation/Assembly: \$300
Half Day of Workshops: \$500
Full Day of Workshops: \$700
Virtual Visit Session: \$100/150
(or free with min. book purchase)

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Pass it on."*

-Albert Einstein

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