
TESTIMONIALS

“I love how Debra talked about the science and research behind making her book and the writing that goes with it. I am looking forward to referencing her visit throughout my teaching.”

-Beth Kraemer, Kindergarten Teacher, Van Hise Elementary, Madison, WI

“My second grade students were engaged in learning odd facts the entire time. . . on the last day of virtual school! Thank you for making learning interactive and fun. But most of all, thank you for inspiring my students to keep learning, and to work hard at whatever they are passionate about.”

-Connie Rabe, 2nd Grade Teacher, Rod Kelley School, Gilroy, CA.



ABOUT DEBRA



Debra Kempf Shumaker is the author of both fiction and nonfiction picture books. Her titles include *Freaky, Funky Fish*; *Peculiar Primates*; and *Tell Someone* and the upcoming *Wind Is. . .*

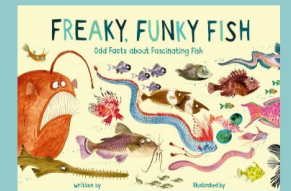
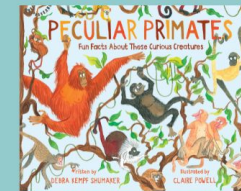
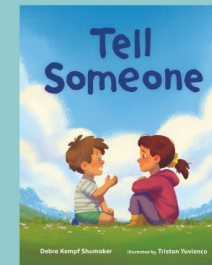
When she isn't writing, she is probably outside on a walk, reading, or watching *Jeopardy*.

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DEBRA KEMPF SHUMAKER

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR

Debra's Books



Author Programs

2023-2024
School Year





RATES FOR 2023-2024
SCHOOL YEAR*:

Virtual Visits:

- **Simple Story Time:** \$100
- Individual Presentation of one **Full Presentation:** \$200
- Full Day (3 **Full Presentations** + 1 **Simple Story Time** for youngest): \$500

In-Person Visits:

- Full Day (3 **Full Presentations** + 1 **Simple Story Time**. Author lunch bunch/ book sale if desired): \$1000 PLUS expenses if 40+ miles from Sterling, VA.
- Half day (1 **Full Presentation** + 1 **Simple Story Time**) available for LOCAL visits: \$500

*See full details at debrashumaker.com. I am also willing to personalize/adapt programs and budget. Just reach out!

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

I love exciting kids about science and writing! As a former corporate trainer, I know the importance of interaction and bringing energy to a presentation.

I offer both virtual and in-person author visits.



SIMPLE STORY TIME (PRESCHOOL & GRADES K, 1)

An interactive read-aloud of one of my books followed by a brief Q&A

- Select from *Freaky, Funky Fish*, *Tell Someone*, or *Peculiar Primates*.
- About 20 minutes.

FULL PRESENTATIONS:

ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS (GRADES K-5+)

Freaky, Funky Fish and *Peculiar Primates* introduces students to strange and fascinating adaptations that many animals have. After a discussion on different types of adaptations, we go through one of the books to explore in more detail, followed by a Q&A session.

- Typical program is 45 - 60 minutes.
- I modify programs for various grade levels.
- A high level overview of the writing and revision process is included for upper grades.

IS IT A BOOK YET? FROM IDEA TO PUBLISHED BOOK (GRADES 4-5+)

I discuss the writing process for fiction & nonfiction—from brainstorming ideas to research to drafting and revising—by using examples from my books. Students also learn about the publishing process, followed by a Q&A session.

- Typical program is 45 - 60 minutes.
- Geared towards Grades 4-5+ but can be adapted to Grades 2-3.

NONFICTION WRITING (GRADES 4-5+)

I discuss the different types of nonfiction, researching, weaving facts into a story, revision, and verifying facts using examples from my books. Students also learn about the publishing process, followed by a Q&A session.

- Typical program is 45 - 60 minutes.
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