

David Gifaldi School Visitation Information

Number of sessions per day with students:

4 or 5 sessions per day. One-hour sessions work best for intermediate grades, especially if the session includes a writing exercise. Primary-grade sessions are best if limited to 30-40 minutes.

Group numbers: I prefer to speak to small groups...two classes at once is best, but three classes can work if necessary.

Student Preparation: Please have students familiar with at least one of my books and/or short stories. Teachers should plan ahead so that there's time for students to listen to or read at least one of my works.

It's also nice if kids have thought about questions they may want to ask during question and answer time.

Session Topics: Teachers may choose one of the topics listed, or request a topic directly in line with their current classroom lessons.

It seems to work well when grade-level teams choose a topic for their grade. That way they can team or share with follow-up lessons.

Supplemental Teaching: I try to provide a list of supplemental activities or ideas for teachers on their session-topic.

Book Sales: Media specialists who wish to offer signed books for sale to students may contact me by phone or email.

Ideas for Group Meetings/Writing Workshops with students:

Primary (K-2)

- Pet/Animal Stories
- Onomatopoeia: Sound Poetry/Creative Movement
- Writing a Personal Narrative
- Other (at teacher's request)

Intermediate (3-5)

- Thought Talk (Writing interior monologues)
- Where Stories Come From
- Capturing Place
- Imagining Character
- Humor--the art of exaggeration and surprise
- Poetry (Poems kids love to write)
- Journaling (Kid-friendly journaling ideas that lead to stories & poems)
- Writing a Personal Narrative
- Other (at teacher's request)