



AUTHOR VISITS

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR



"What a special treat to have a "real live author" come to visit our classroom! Mrs. Tesler's presentation brought the writing process to life for our class, and the children had a chance to see every stage from idea creation to planning and organizing, and all the way through the final revision process and early stages of publishing. She engaged the students at their level, and even included some exercises for them to try, relating directly to the writing strategies that we teach in fourth grade."

***Hillary Doolittle, Fourth Grade Teacher
Hingham East Elementary School, MA***

Monica Tesler – Author Visits, 2017-2018 School Year

Here are some key considerations about my school visits:

- I am available for a maximum of four, fifty-minute workshop presentations per day plus one kick-off assembly presentation. Workshops typically consist of 1-2 classes at a time.
- Summaries of my presentations are below. Additional topics may be available, and presentations typically can be custom modified. Although my presentations are generally geared toward students in grades 4-8, I can tailor to an older or younger audience upon request.
- All workshops are tied to Common Core State Standards. Some workshops are also tied to Next Generation Science Standards.
- I can provide you with information for book orders in advance of my visit. You can work with a local bookstore partner, coordinate an order with a bookstore I suggest, or place a bulk order through Simon & Schuster.
- The best author visits start with prepared students. If at all possible, ask students to read my books prior to my visit and discuss in advance.
- **BOUNDERS** can easily be incorporated into the curriculum. Simon & Schuster has created an excellent discussion guide as well as a STEM curriculum companion for the first book in the series, both free downloadable assets for educators.
- I include a technology component in most workshop presentations. The presentations are in Power Point. I will bring a thumb drive that can be used with the classroom computer. I will also have my MacAir and a VGA Adaptor as a back-up. The classroom and/or auditorium should be equipped with a ready-to-go Smartboard or projector and screen.

"Monica's presentation resulted in a waiting list for Bounders - and lots of kids ready to sign up for Earth Force! Her enthusiasm for the writing process and science fiction are infectious, and our students requested more science fiction on our library shelves."

*Shelley Sommer, Librarian
Inly School, Scituate, MA*

MONICA TESLER, SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

With sufficient notice, the workshops and presentations described below can be custom tailored for your school. Workshops begin with a brief introduction about me, **BOUNDERS**, and publishing in general, and then shift into a topical focus.

- **Prime then Polish: Revision Tips & Tricks Workshop: Using **BOUNDERS** as a model,** I give students a window into the revision and editing process that goes into creating a traditionally published book. Then we will roll up our sleeves and focus on real revision techniques they can bring to their own writing. (Approximately 50 minutes)
Common Core Alignment: **W.4.5, W.5.5, W.6.5, W.7.5, W.8.5**
- **Science and Science Fiction Workshop: Real Life Science as Story Inspiration:** Many of the ideas in **BOUNDERS** and its sequels come from real life, cutting edge science. With a focus on science, we discuss how the real world inspires and provides a foundation for fiction and vice versa. (Approximately 50 minutes)
Common Core Alignment: **W.4.3, W.5.3, W.6.3, W.7.3, W.8.3**
Next Generation Science Standards: Can be modified to align with multiple NGSS standards.
- **My Two Super Powers: Imagination & Perseverance:** This presentation is best suited for an all-school or all-grade assembly, often to kick off reading month, summer reading, or another initiative, and typically paired with one or more workshops described above. (Approximately 15 minutes)

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