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WHAT DOES AN AUTHOR VISIT LOOK LIKE?

PREPARATION

I like to communicate with the teacher(s) before the visit to discuss the area of focus. This varies with the book and age group of your students as well as the time allotted for the visit. Do you want a reading and Q & A? Or something more interactive such as a writing-related activity? Do you want the focus to be on the story or on the writing and research process or something that ties into your curriculum?

It helps, although it's not absolutely necessary, that the students have read the book or are familiar with the story, and have questions prepared in advance.

I will ask you to send home with your students an information sheet about me and a book order form. If students would like a signed copy of one of my books, they can pre-order and return the form with payment to the teacher. The teacher can notify me how many books have been ordered. This will ensure that I bring enough books to hand out to students on the day of the visit. Of course, book purchases are optional and students may order books after the visit if they wish. They just won't be delivered on the same day as the school visit.

Author fees are due on the day of the visit, so please make sure your business office has been notified in advance to have the payment ready. Checks can be made out to Natasha Yim.

DAY OF VISIT

If at all possible, I'd like a projector and screen set-up. Power Points are a great way to show visuals that go along with the story. For younger kids, I'll put up the pages of the book so everyone can see the illustrations better. For older kids, I may show images of edited manuscripts, research notes etc. It makes the presentation more visual and engaging. At the end of the presentation, I will collect any pre-orders, and hand out signed books to the students.

END OF VISIT

This is when author fees are due. I will donate a copy of one of my books (of the teacher's or class' choosing) to the school or classroom library.

Thank you very much for having me. I love to connect with students about books and writing!