

CLARE VANDERPOOL

—◆— children's book author —◆—

Schedule an Author Visit at your School or Library

A great way to get your students excited about reading and writing.

Clare has been making appearances at schools, libraries, conferences, and festivals around the country and abroad.

She enjoys meeting students, teachers, librarians, parents, and fellow writers who have a common love of story and storytelling.

Thru her unique mix of humor, classic storytelling, and a personal love of reading and writing, Clare connects with her audiences in a fun and meaningful way.

Previous Talk Titles

Moon Over Manifest - The Story Behind the Story

Writer's Stew - Ingredients: Memory, Research, Imagination

Writing at Stoplights - Finding the Time and the Courage to Write in the Midst of a Busy Life



"It has been my great joy and privilege to speak to a variety of audiences over the past many years. Whether I'm doing a book talk with middle school students, a writing workshop with high school kids, or presenting a keynote talk at a festival or conference, I'm always moved by our common need for and connection to story." - Clare Vanderpool

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Ways to Make Your Author Visit a Success

The most important thing is to prepare the students by having them read or be familiar with the author's books. The more they feel a connection with the author, the more they will gain from the event.

Encourage the students to think up questions and write them down ahead of time.

Let parents and the school community know about the author visit. This is a great way to get parents involved and excited about what their child is reading.

Many schools choose to sell the author's books on-site and schedule an opportunity for the author to autograph books. This does provide a nice opportunity for students to get up close and personal with the author. But of course books should not have to be purchased in order to get an autograph. The author can sign some pre-made bookmarks that can be run off on a school copier.

Consider having a drawing for a signed copy of the author's book. The day is for the kids so make it fun!



Possible Presentation Topics:

- The Story Behind the Story
- Where Craft and Creativity Meet - Breathing Life into the Bones of the Story
- Writing from Memory – How recollection informs and nourishes writing
- Writing at Stop Lights – Finding the time and the courage to write in the midst of a busy life.

Materials Needed:

- LCD Projector for Power Point
- Screen
- Microphone
- Tech person on hand to sync the projector with my power point