

School Visitation Information



Number of Sessions Per Day with Students

Four or five 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. Teacher should plan ahead so that there's time for students to listen to or read at least one of my stories. 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 student may contact me through my website: davidgifaldi.com/contact.



Activity Suggestions for Group Meetings & Writing workshops for Children

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)