



Emmy Kastner

Author-Illustrator Presentations

Emmy Kastner is an author and illustrator of children's books. With a background as an English and science teacher, and as co-founder of the youth writing center, Read and Write Kalamazoo, Emmy has experience working alongside youth of all ages. Her enthusiasm for telling stories and making art is the foundation of her presentations.



PRESENTATIONS:

Large Group Assemblies

Assembly visits include an interactive digital presentation about making books (starting when she was a kid who loved to draw and write stories), an engaging reading of one of her published books, a drawing demo, and Q & A.
(Duration: 45 minutes)

Writing Workshops

Working with a small group (maximum one classroom) writing workshops include a short digital presentation, book reading, and either collective or individual story writing. Writing workshops can be tailored to specific story elements, like creating dynamic characters, crafting exciting dialogue, world building, etc.
(Duration: 60 - 90 minutes)

Art Workshops

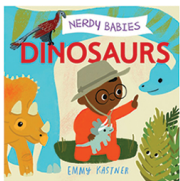
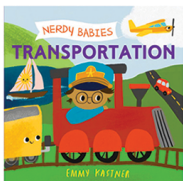
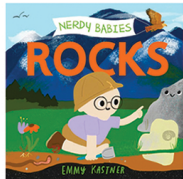
Working with a small group (maximum one classroom) art workshops include a short digital presentation, book reading, and either collective or individual art projects that tie into the story. Students will experiment with artistic mediums and will focus on how visual art and text work together to make a story sing. (List of workshop materials provided for host to acquire)
(Duration: 60 - 90 minutes)

Public Speaking, Professional Development and Mentorship

Building community through storytelling is at the heart of Emmy's passion and expertise. Emmy has worked with many groups of older students, adults and professionals: high school students, college classes of future educators, hands-on professional development for a district's art department on how to incorporate books into their art curriculum, and has lectured on picture books as an art form at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Any other ideas of how we could partner up? Let me know!

Virtual Visits

Virtual classroom visits include a digital presentation, book reading and Q & A. Signed bookplates can be arranged for pre-ordered books, and mailed to your classroom ahead of the visit.
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BOOK SALES:

All visits include a book signing at the end of the presentation/visit. There are many ways to get books in the hands of students: encouraging students to pre-order a book, writing a grant for all students to receive a book, using PTO funds/community donations, etc. Taking home a personalized token from the visit is a special gift and makes the visit have a real impact for students in attendance.



How can you order books? Connecting with a local independent bookstore or ordering directly through the publisher is the best route, as Emmy is not a book-seller. In order to have books to sign at the visit, pre-ordering at least a month ahead of the visit would be wise. Do inquire about educational discounts when ordering!

HOST RESPONSIBILITIES:

- digital projector/screen
- easel/large drawing pad
- lunch (full day visit)
- microphone (for any group larger than 50)
- prepare students for the visit (brainstorming questions for Q & A is helpful)
- moderator for large group Q & A
- students' writing and art supplies for Writing and Art workshops
- clear communication, expectations agreed via contract
- (out of town) transportation between events/sites

FEES:

Virtual - \$300

Half Day - \$700
One presentation/workshop

Full Day - \$1,500
Any combination of 3 presentations/workshops; please consider small breaks between presentations when scheduling

Host is responsible for travel expenses and lodging for any location beyond 2 hours driving distance from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

****Please note that necessary discounts are always considered. Reach out with any questions.*

CONTRACT:

Interested in a visit? Send me an email and we can get to planning. Once we've got a plan in place I will send you contract. For cancellations after a contract is signed, 15% of fee will be charged, and any travel expenses already secured are the responsibility of the host.

