

VIRTUAL VISITS FOR 2020-2021

I'd love to visit your school virtually! Choose from the following programs. I'm also happy to tailor a program to your classroom needs.

K-2

On a Snow-Melting Day: Researching and Writing about Nature. (30-40 minutes)

Buffy will share her newest picture book that explores seasonal changes as winter turns to spring. Students will learn about the inspiration for this book, and brainstorm questions from nature that lead to writing topics. They'll learn how an author researches a science topic, and about vivid verbs and concrete nouns that bring a story to life. Buffy will also share different approaches to writing about nonfiction topics, giving students the opportunity to act out what they learn about an animal featured in the book.

3-5

Is That a Fact? Researching Animal Secrets. (45-60 minutes)

Using examples from *Can an Old Dog Learn New Tricks? And Other Questions About Animals*, students will brainstorm questions they have about animal sayings they might have heard. They'll learn about researching STEM topics and the steps of writing and revision. Different approaches to writing about nonfiction will be explored, including expository writing, narrative nonfiction, and poetry.

3-6

Put on Your Animal Mask! Writing Poems Through Animal Eyes (45-60 minutes; limited to a single class)

Imagine you are a praying mantis, waiting for dinner to arrive. How does the world look through insect eyes? In this workshop students will learn how to focus their research to answer questions about a favorite animal. Then they will write a mask poem—a slice of life from that animal's point of view. They'll collect strong descriptive words and write sensory descriptions that bring their subject to life.

Fees:

Individual presentation: \$150

Full-day visit, up to 4 presentations: \$500

Please contact me at buffy@buffysilverman.com for more details and to schedule a visit.