

Natalie Rompella

Author



Presentations

Natalie Rompella taught elementary and middle school for ten years. She was also the curriculum coordinator for the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum in Chicago. She is the author of ten trade books and twenty leveled readers and workbooks on a variety of topics, including insects, sled dog racing, and science fair experiments. She has a B.S. in Elementary Education from the University of IL and an M.Ed. in Science Education from National Louis University. Natalie lives in the Chicago suburbs.



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A Recipe for Writing (3rd – 6th grade)

Maximum number of students: 100

45 minutes

Writing a story is a lot like baking cookies. Natalie will talk about her new book, *Cookie Cutters & Sled Runners*, and share the ingredients for concocting a delicious story, including voice, word choice, and sentence structure. Students will participate in a short activity at the end. This presentation also works for a Career Day.



Fulfills the following ELA Common Core State Standards: Reading: Literature/Informational Text, Writing, and Language. (Contact Natalie for more specific standards.)

Don't Squash That Bug (K – 2nd grade)

Maximum number of students: 100

30 minutes



In this interactive presentation, students will learn about insect body parts, adaptations, and the benefits of insects. While Natalie reads from her book *Don't Squash That Bug*, students will view mounted insects and up-close photographs. Students will be part of the presentation through props, such as wearing wings and antennae. This presentation also works for a school Reading Night.

Fulfills the following ELA Common Core State Standards: Reading: Informational Text, Speaking & Listening, and Language. (Contact Natalie for more specific standards.)

Writers' Revision Workshop (3rd – 6th grade)

Maximum number of students: 35

45 minutes

Having a hard time getting your students to revise their work? This active workshop is designed for classes in the process of revising a writing piece—fiction or nonfiction. Natalie will talk about how she critiques and revises her own work. Students will find new techniques for revising as well as learn how to critique peers' writing more effectively.

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