

Elementary School Presentations

by Picture Book Author/Illustrator Bruce Arant

2015-2016 Golden Sower Award Nominee for *Simpson's Sheep Won't Go to Sleep!*

Winner of the **2014 Nebraska Book Awards**, Children's category & Cover/Design/Illustration category
Simpson's Sheep Won't Go to Sleep! selected to represent Nebraska at the **2015 National Book Festival**
2016 -- *Simpson's Sheep Won't Go to Sleep!* appointed to the **Nebraska 150 Book List**

Thank you for taking time to review the following information regarding a possible visit to your school. My presentations are tailored to age/grade groups from K-6. I offer the following formats:

Picture Book Presentation (K-3) This presentation provides students with a "behind the scenes" view of the processes of illustrating a picture book, from rough sketches to final artwork -- specifically, for *Simpson's Sheep Won't Go to Sleep!* and *Simpson's Sheep Just Want to Sleep!* (45-60 min. suggested)

Illustration Workshop (3-6) This presentation covers simple but effective ways to depict emotions through drawing facial expressions -- an important aspect of picture book illustration and fun for grade-schoolers to learn. Students learn how to draw 20 different facial expressions. (45-60 min. suggested)

Writers Workshop (3-6) This presentation addresses structural elements of a story -- beginning, middle and end, as well as the use of descriptive "stretching tools" to help make text more interesting. Students also engage in writing and illustrating exercises. (60 min. suggested)

Editing Workshop (3-6) **NEW!** Students learn how to creatively add, subtract and re-think words to improve their own writing. (45 min. suggested)

Storyboarding Workshop (K-3) **NEW!** Students get hands-on experience at demonstrating their thought process through visual story telling. (45 min. suggested)

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE - (K-6) Students engage a variety of art mediums and techniques in extended programs over a number of days/weeks, adapted to your school's needs and/or curriculum.

For pricing, references or questions, please free to contact me with any questions at bruce@arantcreative.com, or 571-225-2799.