

# 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-6) **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.

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