



ANYONE CAN BE A SCIENTIST IF THEY FOLLOW THEIR CURIOSITY

Like every good scientist, Yara starts with a question, makes observations, and comes up with a hypothesis . . . but each time she starts an experiment, her dog, Renzo, ruins it! Then again, maybe Renzo is up to something more than making trouble.

This humorous and endearing story is about a passionate, young scientist who is determined to achieve her goal—no matter what her crazy canine throws at her.

Key selling features of the book include:

- STEM: Scientific Method
- SEL: Resilience in the face of criticism, self-doubt, and setbacks.
- Girls in STEM/STEAM
- Humor
- Free curriculum guide available

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

"A funny hypothesis properly tested and confirmed." - *Kirkus*

"This visually delightful romp through one young scientist's exasperating journey to the school Science Fair is a kid-centered celebration of creativity, persistence ... and the scientific method." - *Loree Griffin Burns, multi-award-winning author, scientist, and teacher.*

AUTHOR VISITS

Betsy offers a variety of virtual and live presentation options tailored for different age ranges from K-5th grade. Her presentations are highly interactive and include an experiment tailored to the size and age of her audience. Activity sheets are available to continue the STEM discussion after the visit.

ABOUT BETSY

A former professor, Betsy Ellor lives in a home filled with kid shenanigans, canine chaos and creative projects run wild. Her 2021 anthology *Heroic Care: 35 Writers & Artists Show What It Means To Care* reached the top 30 on Amazon, and her family musical *Sara Crewe* has been performed across the US.



Age Range: 3-8 years, PreK-3

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An Author Visit With Betsy Ellor

Sample Schedule for a Full Day K – 5 School

A full-day visit consists of three presentations with Q&A plus lunch with kids, if you'd like, and a book signing. All presentations incorporate an experiment suitable to the audience and space in which I'm presenting. Ordering my books is not a requirement but is highly recommended and greatly appreciated. Once a visit is confirmed, I can provide detailed information about how a school can order books.

Please have available:

- a projector of some sort, and someone at-the-ready to help me with any technical glitches setting up my Powerpoint (I will bring compatible chords for my laptop, and an advancer)
- a small table for props
- a working microphone if more than 40 kids
- a cup or bottle of water

MORNING

K -1 40 minutes

Please allow a minimum of 15 minutes between presentations so I can reset my props and cue up my next slide show.

2 -3 50- 60 minutes

LUNCH

If I'm eating with a group of kids, I'm fine sitting for two consecutive lunch blocks, if that's the way your schedule works. If I'm visiting kids in the cafeteria, please allow 20 minutes for me to eat my own lunch before or after. I always appreciate a school-provided lunch. I'm vegetarian but not picky or allergic to anything.

AFTERNOON

4 -5: 60 minutes

Book signing: Depending on the number of books kids have requested, consider carving out time for me to sign books in a quiet place, at some point during the day, to be distributed after the visit.

*Of course, the order of the presentations can adjust to your school schedule, but **please** remember that I need 15 minutes between talks.*

Sample Schedule for a Single-Session

A single-session visit consists of one presentation, Q&A, and a book signing. Presentations incorporate an experiment suitable to the audience and space in which I'm presenting. Ordering my books is not a requirement but is highly recommended and greatly appreciated. Once a visit is confirmed, I can provide detailed information about how a school can order books.

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K -1: 40 minutes

2 -5: 50- 60 minutes presentation

Book signing: Depending on the number of books kids have requested, consider carving out time for me to sign books in a quiet place, at some point during the day, to be distributed after the visit.

Virtual Visits

Virtual visits are similar to Single-Session visits. For virtual visits, I will either do an experiment students can watch or coordinate with the teacher an experiment we can start online and then follow up on in class after I log off. There will be time for Q&A. Ordering my books is not a requirement but is highly recommended and greatly appreciated. For virtual visits I can coordinate with the school to pre-order signed copies which can be distributed the day of the virtual visit.

Of course, I'm happy to work with you to find a combination of single, virtual or multiple sessions that works for your school.