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## Author-in-Residence (2022-23 School Year) For the Love of Nonfiction

Researching and writing nonfiction is a way to connect with and better understand our world. It should be engaging and interactive. Yet students often don't think of it so positively. So let's change that mindset!

This multi-day, hands-on workshop helps students rethink the process of researching and writing nonfiction. Based on my own experiences as a teacher and author of more than 50 nonfiction books for kids, I guide students through all steps of the research process, from finding an idea to final project over the course of several days. The goal is for students to see that research is like going on a treasure hunt - exploring exciting new worlds, finding irresistible nuggets of information, and developing a drive for deeper research and discovery.

### Skills and strategies that may be covered include:

Finding an idea or topic  
Following leads  
Asking questions to guide research  
Reflecting on new information  
Making connections to information  
Finding a focus for a topic  
Writing a first draft  
Collaborating with others during the revision process  
Creating a final draft or presentation

In addition, teachers will learn about the research process from an author's perspective and gain concrete strategies to use in the future.

### Details:

- I work with one classroom at a time (up to 30 students)
- The workshop is best for students grades 2-8
- Research topics are based on curriculum needs and teacher interest
- Each in-classroom session is 45-60 minutes
- Minimum of three visits for this workshop

Pricing: Base fee \$600 for the first three visits and workshop development; \$125 for each additional visit  
(NOTE: travel fees may apply if visits are more than 30 miles from Boulder, CO)

To schedule or for more information, fill out the contact form or email me at  
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