



Frequently Asked Questions

What grade or grades is your presentation appropriate for?

You'll find that my program and presence are your SEL and character enrichment efforts in action! I typically present to the entire school. Though my books are considered age appropriate for PK-2, the powerful life lessons I share, as well as my experience as an author, highlighting the ups and downs, and ins and outs of the editorial process, are great for all grades. I present typically to elementary schools, in assemblies broken down by grades, for instance Pk-1, 2-3 & 4-5. I enjoy speaking to middle and high school students, as the older students benefit from hearing my struggles with self-acceptance, and tools I used to triumph. I present a similar message in an age appropriate manner for all grades. I'm also available for family literacy nights, teacher work days, educator seminars, etc, where the parents and teachers enjoy my program as much as the students.

What does your day look like at the school? Typically I start early, and do two to four 40-60 minute presentations. I'm available to eat lunch with a group of students. This is nice when there's a child with Alopecia, an essay contest to "Eat with the Author," on occasion I've

eaten with the “reluctant readers,” or a group of teachers, who often have as many questions as the students. I spend the afternoon in the library or office signing books. If the school likes, and time permitting, the students can receive the books from me and take photos. It works well if a volunteer helps me while I’m signing and distributing the books, on occasion I’ll have an assistant with me. We can manage the day how ever best works for your school.

Can the students purchase signed books? Yes. I have a flyer that can be sent home and collected, ideally a week or two prior to my visit, giving me a sense of how many books I’ll need. Of course, we allow for orders to come in up till the event, and in most cases after the event. It’s awesome if the teachers or media specialist shares a bit before my visit, and reminds the students to bring in their orders. Books are \$18 each, I’m able to give a \$2 discount to the students, making them \$16, or 10% back to the PTA/school, when a program is booked at full price.

Do you travel and are your expenses covered? I’m based in both Florida and Tennessee, and love to travel. The best way for me to visit your area is to find 2-4 schools interested in my program who can share the cost of my expenses-air, car and lodging (if necessary). If I have friends or family in the area I’m happy to stay with them, this includes almost all of Florida, Nashville, TN, Eastern MA, Paducah, KY, Boulder/Denver/Aspen, LA/San Diego, Baltimore/DC/VA, Eastern MA, Cleveland, Asheville, Atlanta, St Louis, Maine, etc! I’m able to do single visits to areas, though prefer to have two or more.

What are your fees?

My standard fee is \$2000

Broward County, Florida, Davidson County, Tennessee, and within 50 miles of Weymouth, Massachusetts \$1800

Pricing is per school for 1-4 assemblies, \$200 for each additional session when necessary. I like to keep the groups to \$300-\$500 students, though I've presented effectively to \$600-\$1000+. I love to travel, and love to be effective and efficient when I do. You can reduce your cost and expenses, by having other schools in the area bring me in the same week. Help book two visits in your area, and they'll be 1800 each. Help book three or more visits in your area and they're 1500 each. There's some flexibility to work within your budget.

Preschool visits are \$300-\$500.

Skype Visits 30-60 minutes \$300-\$600

Middle and high school visits are \$2000

Title One Visits: \$1300-\$1500

Evening Sessions: an additional \$200

Educator conferences/teacher workdays inquire for pricing

Not sure where the funding will come from? Be willing to reach out to a local business or organization to sponsor my visit.

All visits include a set of signed copies of *I Love You More* and *I'll Hug You More*, that can be gifted to the library or used as part of a school fundraiser/raffle. I can also supply a PDF of *You Are a Gift to the World* that all teachers can access and students can even be gifted!

A price is set when a date is secured. When possible we ask for a signed appearance agreement and a 50% deposit.

Further Questions? We're happy to answer them. Send an email to Laura@LauraDuksta.com or call 954.608.9119

*Pricing is subject to change, but locked in once date is secured.

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