



Heidi Burnett, Director of the School Media Center at St. Mark's School
talks about Laura's visit with their students:

"I can truly say that we were all overwhelmed by your positive message! I was so impressed with your ability to communicate effectively with all age groups. Each of the groups you spoke to from the 1 year old class to the 8th grade enjoyed your book and talk. I have seen kids doing the "I Shine!" cheer all week and our 7/8th grade Math teacher tells me she uses the genius cheer every day at the start of class! I hope you will come back and talk to us about your next book--we are looking forward to it!"

A Special Letter to Educators:

First, I'd like to say a big "Thank You" for being champions for our children!

My name is Laura Duksta, I am an *Ambassador of Love*, and a *New York Times* bestselling children's author. I'm based in South Florida, and enjoy visiting schools all over our beautiful country. With almost a million copies sold my books, *I Love You More, You Are a Gift to the World/The World is a Gift to You* and *I'll Hug You More* have become favorites in hearts, homes and classrooms around the world. They help generate love, appreciation and connection for ourselves, one another and our planet-- fertile ground for growing greatness!

I've come to find my programs and presence are your SEL and character enrichment efforts in action! I tailor my presentation "*Empowering YOU to Shine!*" for audiences of all ages and sizes. I most often visit elementary schools, and present to the entire school through assemblies by grade. I share my experience as an author, specifically the value of working persistently and patiently to get our best work possible. The students experience the freedom that comes from *being yourself*, through both my presence, and personal story of overcoming adversity – from an insecure 11 year-old, who experienced sudden baldness and bullying, to confident best-selling author and *Ambassador of Love*. My middle and high school programs go further into the powerful life lessons I've learned, tools I used to triumph, and my experience from a good idea to a bestselling book. For preschoolers, my visits include book reading, an imagination activity, signature cheers, and music time.

Benefits to the Students:

- The power and freedom that comes from *Being Yourself*
- Moving towards empathy, away from bullying
- Awareness of their own innate resiliency and well-being
- Tap into their inner wisdom and genius
- Learn to harness the power of imagination, appreciation, enthusiasm, love, empathy and patience
- How to discern between "thought storms" and the truth of who they are
- Know that their light comes from within and they are destined to SHINE!

My program is a great way to kick off the year or semester, makes a great addition to your book fairs, family literacy nights, kindness days, alopecia awareness, etc. I'll provide a flyer for parents and teachers to order copies, that I'll sign with a personal message.

My mission is to inspire young people to discover their own unique genius and help spark their ability and courage to shine in the classroom and in the world.

For more information and/or to book a visit, please call 954.608.9119, or email laura@lauraduksta.com www.LauraDuksta.com

Keep Shining!

Laura Duksta

New York Times Bestselling Author and Ambassador of Love



Current Pricing:

Preschool Visit: 300-500

Elementary Schools: 1500-2000

Title 1 Elementary Schools: 1300-1500

Middle and High Schools: 2000

Skype Sessions 300-600

For more information and booking, please contact

If your budget is an issue we may be able to find sponsorship

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"In a room filled with young children and adults, Laura Duksta instantly captures your attention and before you know it, she captures your heart. She's like a wizard. A lot of magical twinkling fills the room and inside each little soul stars are born."

~Mary Dewald, daughter, mother, grandmother and 5th grade teacher, Weston, Florida

