2026-2027 SCHOOL VISITS



Author Melissa Johnston Miles is a literacy advocate and certified educator who connects effortlessly with students across all elementary and middle school grade levels. From whimsical Picture Book read-alouds that spark wonder in early readers to suspenseful, character-driven plotting workshops for older students, these sessions demonstrate that every great writer starts as an active reader.

WHAT SHE OFFERS:

Picture Book Presentation (Grades Pre-K–2)

- **Duration: 45 minutes**
- **The Experience: An energetic interactive read-aloud highlighting themes of friendship, empathy, and overcoming challenges. Concludes with an engaging "Where Do Ideas Come From?" brainstorming game designed to give early learners ownership of their imagination.**

Middle Grade Novel Intensive (Grades 3–5 / 6–8)

- **Duration: 45 to 60 minutes**
- **The Experience: A behind-the-scenes look into writing a middle grade thriller/novel. This session features a motivational pep talk, a transparent look at the author's path to publication, and a core ELA curriculum tie-in focused on character development.**

The Backbone of Storytelling Writing Workshop (Grades 3–8)

- **Duration: 50 to 60 minutes**
- **The Experience: Hands-on writing mini-lesson guiding students to map out the core pillars of a relatable protagonist: a flaw, a problem, and a goal. Using empathy as a building block, students practice writing from unique, unconventional points of view.**
- NOTE: STUDENTS WILL NEED PAPER AND PENCILS FOR THIS INTERACTIVE SESSION.

PRICING:

- **Full-Day In-Person Visit: $1,200 (Up to 4 presentations within a 5-hour window with book signing assembly.**
- **Half-Day In-Person Visit: $600 (Up to 2 presentations, ideal for single-grade focus tracks).**
- **Virtual Single-Session Visit: $200 (45-minute interactive presentation + dedicated live student Q&A via Zoom/Google Meet).**
- **Funding & Book Sales: Coordinated hassle-free book sales are available in partnership with local independent bookstores.**