

Scheduling The Day

My program is customized to grade level(s), and takes about 45 minutes to an hour, depending on your schedule, the amount of Q&A, etc.

It's hard to effectively connect with a group of disparate grades, so please try to limit the range in each session to three grades. Please let us know the age ranges of the audience, and the size of each group, etc., in advance.

Preparing The Students For My Visit

- Please read my book(s) to the students so they'll be prepared for the event.
- For students in 4th grade and younger, I highly recommend that teachers/librarians and students read and discuss together *The Day Eddie Met the Author*, by Adam Gustavson, several days before my visit. (I love this book for this purpose, and LRC directors and students alike have told me that reading the book made my visit more fun and productive.)
- A classroom discussion about "What is a question?" and (for older students), "What are appropriate questions?" can make the Q&A portion far more successful and informative.
- It's ideal if students have some questions written down for the Q&A session, or if they've prepared/discussed some questions in class.

Contact Information

Prior to the event, the publicist or my booking agent, Janit Ramos, will touch base to make sure that all is in order. However, if you have questions or concerns prior to that time, please feel free to contact Janit at Janit@SherriRinker.com.

Thank you so much for inviting me! I'm so looking forward to meeting your students and getting everyone excited about books, reading and writing!

Sincerely .

Technology

Because my presentation depends on my video/ audio program, making sure that everything is set up to run smoothly is the single most stressful part of my visit. I have run my presentation at hundreds of schools, and 99% of the time there are no issues —but it's nice to know that help is available, if needed. Please have a knowledgeable IT person available for me, just in case. Also, please have ready:

- <u>Projector</u> (with sound capability, if at all possible).
- Microphone, either hand-held or clip-on is fine.
- I bring my own Apple® laptop and all the appropriate connectors if you are not Macbased, along with my own wireless clicker/ presenter.

Now...let's just make sure that projector will work! Below are common connections.

If you have something that does NOT look like anything below, please

tell us right away!



This is a standard VGA connection.
This is totally fine!

These are standard HDMl input/cord/ connections. Any of these are also fine! (And, no separate sound connection is required.)





