

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What grade or grades is your presentation appropriate for?**

Though my books are considered age appropriate for PK-2 the life lessons I share, as well as my experience as an author, highlighting the editorial process, are great for all grades. I present typically to elementary schools, and like to speak to the entire school broken down into 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 can have a different conversation with a five year old, fifth grade student and fifteen year old. 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 the students can come down to receive them and take photos. It works well if a volunteer helps me while I'm signing and distributing the books.

**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 share a bit before my visit, and remind the students to bring in their orders. Books are \$18 each, I am

willing to give a \$2 discount to the students, making them \$16, or 10% back to the PTA/school.

**Do you travel and are your expenses covered?** I'm based in both Tennessee and Florida, and love to travel. The best way for me to visit your town, city or district 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, Colorado, LA/San Diego, Baltimore/DC/VA, Eastern MA, Ohio, Asheville, Atlanta, Maine, etc! I'm able to do single visits to areas, though prefer to have two or more.

### **What are your fees?**

I live between Nashville and Fort Lauderdale, within Davidson and Broward counties, my fee is \$1100

Pricing is per school for 1-3 assemblies, \$200 for each additional session when necessary. I like to keep the groups to 300-400 students, though I've presented effectively to auditoriums of 600-1000.

My standard fee is \$1500

I love to travel, and love to be effective and efficient when I do so. You can reduce your cost, by having other schools in the area bring me in the same week.

Help book two visits in your area, and they will be \$1300 each

Help book three or more visits in your area and they are \$1100 each

\*Full price programs only

Preschool visits are \$300-\$500.

Skype Visits 30-60 minutes \$250-\$550

Middle and high school visits are \$1500

Title One Visits: \$700 (when available and/or already scheduled to be in an area)

Evening Sessions: an additional \$200

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.

\*A price is set when a date is secured. Please know that I am open to working within school budgets.

**Further Questions?** We're happy to answer them. Please send an email to [Laura@LauraDuksta.com](mailto:Laura@LauraDuksta.com)

\*pricing is subject to change, but secured once booked