



A note from Alexis O'Neill: *To get the best educational value from my assemblies, it's important for kids to have heard at least 2 of my books before my visit.*

PRIMARY GRADES (K-2)

The Recess Queen . Picture book. Assembly connections:

- Where ideas come from
- Playing with words is fun
- Revisions made the story better
- Helpful revision strategies
 - Dating manuscript
 - Crossing out vs erasing
 - What to do when you can't think of a word
 - Importance of reading a text out loud
 - What to do when you get stuck
- Illustrations can create a story-within-a-story and extend the meaning
- Acting out a story is exciting

Loud Emily. Picture Book. Assembly connections:

- The stories we tell connect with our lives
- Juicy verbs are the muscle of a sentence
- Repeating rhythms give bounce to a story
- Illustrations match the tone of a story
- Reading out loud is helpful and fun

INTERMEDIATE GRADES (3 and up)

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The Kite That Bridged Two Nations. Picture Book. Assembly connection:

- Research is the foundation of all stories and poems (historical, scientific, etc)
- How to begin researching a subject
- Evaluating sources
- Role of primary sources and secondary sources
- Using pictures for research
- Making choices for how to present a story - fiction, nonfiction, poem, etc.
- Accuracy in the text and illustrations of nonfiction and historical fiction is essential