

School Author Visits

Kenn Nesbitt, Children's Poet Laureate



Want to get your kids excited about reading and writing? Let author Kenn Nesbitt show your students the thrill of funny poetry. His high-energy, educational stand-up comedy poetry programs will have your students howling with laughter and clamoring for more.

Even the most reluctant readers and writers will be composing new poems and heading for the library after spending time with Kenn.

Program 1: Poetry-Writing Assembly Program (Grades PreK-6 / 45-60 minutes)

Students experience funny poetry, learn where to find poetry in the library, and collaborate to write new funny poems from scratch.

Program 2: Poetry Writing Workshop (Grades 4-6 / 60 minutes)

Intermediate grade students work in small groups to create their own funny poems. This program is especially suited to students who have already seen program #1.

Program 3: Before or After-School Teacher Workshop (30-45 minutes)

Teachers learn why poetry is important, how to get kids hooked on poetry, and how to teach poetry in a way that will have even the most reluctant readers checking books out of the library, and reluctant writers excited about composing new poems.

Program 4: Evening Presentation for Families (45-60 minutes)

Parents experience exciting, funny poetry, and learn how poetry can get their kids enthusiastic about reading and writing.

Program 5: Autographing / Book Signing

Students can get their books personally autographed to them, creating a keepsake and souvenir of the visit.

Program 6: Classroom Q&A (10-60 minutes per class)

Students have an opportunity to ask questions and interact with the author in an informal and comfortable setting.

Fees

Full day: \$1400
 Two or more days: \$1200/day
 Online author visit: \$200

Expenses

Travel expenses (hotel, airfare, and rental car) are divided between all schools visited and are capped at a maximum of \$400/day.

Biography

Children's Poet Laureate Kenn Nesbitt is the author of many books for kids, including *The Biggest Burp Ever*, *The Armpit of Doom*, *More Bears*, *The Tightly-Whitey Spider*, and *Kiss, Kiss, Good Night*. His poems have appeared in many anthologies and school textbooks all over the world. His website, poetry4kids.com, is the most visited children's poetry website on the Internet.

