

# Erin E. Moulton

## School Visit Packet

Thank you so much for inviting me to your school! I have many years of experience in classrooms, libraries and bookstores and I want us to have the best possible visit, so here are some thoughts that will help us get on the same page for our big day and make the most of our time together.



### *Pre-Visit*

I don't require you to read my books in order to schedule a visit. However, all school visits are better when the kids know a bit about me and my books. Here are some ways to share my work with the group and help them feel like they are part of planning the big day.

- Plan to read one of my [books](#) aloud to your class (or at least begin it!)
- Have the kids plan a display of my books in the classroom or library.
- Have the kids make an alternative cover competition. What would the cover look like if they redesigned it? Create book covers and put them on display or create a bulletin board.
- More than anything, I'm excited to share the love of stories. Have your students create a bulletin board of ridiculous stories for my arrival.



### **Bulletin Board Activity Sample:**

We have an author coming! Her name is Erin E. Moulton and she'll be here on \_\_\_\_\_ and will be talking all about sharing stories. In preparation, we're going to prepare some stories of our own to welcome her. (Here's a few quick ideas to get you started.)

- 1) Erin was born on Halloween and loves spooky stories. Write your own spooky story and post it on our WALL OF TERROR.
- 2) Erin loves to share true stories. Especially ones that are hard to believe and GROSS, too. What was the grossest thing that ever happened to you? Did you ever spew lunch out of your nose? Throw up on a friend? Step in dog poop while barefoot? Write it down and post it on our WALL OF GROSS. Erin will share her gross story when she arrives.

- 3) Erin was a bit of a liar when she was young...I mean, before she started putting all that creative energy into stories. What was the biggest lie you ever told? Did you get caught? Write about it and put it up on our WALL OF LIES.
- 4) Erin's first book features smarts and survival and the characters wear homemade Thinking Caps. If you had a thinking cap, what would it look like? Draw it and put it up on our WALL OF THOUGHTS.



### ***During Visit:***

During the visit I have one big request: That teachers stay close and communicate and help out.

The day goes so much better if

- Kids have context for who I am by one of the adults that they know. Context is key!
- Teachers and paras are on-hand in case of sticky disciplinary issues.
- Teachers and paras are handy to help with projects, brainstorming and transitions.
- Teachers and paras take a few pictures to share within the group or in author newsletters, later etc.

***Book Sales:*** I never require a school to sell copies of my books. But if you are interested in working with an indie to make books available to your students, I am more than happy to help facilitate that. If we do have a book sale option, I suggest a short part of the day be open for signings so I can connect with those kids who want a signed copy. I will bring signed book plates for students who do not wish to purchase a book.

### ***Post-Visit:***

After the visit, I want to make sure that I've given you the best visit possible. If you have any thoughts about the program overall, I welcome your feedback. If you have good things to say, I may ask you if I can use one of your statements as a testimony on my website.



**Staying in Touch:** It means a lot to me that you chose me to come and visit your school. I'd love to stay connected. You can reach me anytime at [erin@erinemoulton.com](mailto:erin@erinemoulton.com) and you can keep in touch via my bi-monthly newsletter here:

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