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Reader's Guide

For Educators & Parents

Includes:

Lesson plans across the curriculum, activities, coloring pages, games, and so much more. Build your lessons around this hilariously, Funtastic, super de duper out of this world children's book. Kids of ages 2 - 8 are going to love this (And so will the parents and educators)


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Confabulation

(We  to use fun words around here)



Reading comprehension is an essential skill that school children need to learn so that they can understand what they are reading. A funtastic attention grabbing book like "Bentley's Fantabulous Idea" can help teachers and parents conquer this challenge in a fun engaging way.

Engaging illustrations, predator searches on almost every page, and a catchy phrase are sure to engage your students who will give you their undivided attention. The use of scaffolding is the key to developing good reading habits. Modeling how to preview, read, recall, clarify, summarize, infer, and apply information is key to comprehension. It is also important to help students develop their questioning techniques. Encouraging effective questioning will help them develop critical thinking skills.

Before reading "Bentley's Fantabulous Idea" take a funtastic picture stroll through the book with your child/class/group and predict what might happen in the book. This is an important skill to share and it is important to ensure them that predicting correctly isn't as important as the skill of using the images to infer what they think will happen.

Before you read through the book ask some open-ended questions that require more than a 'yes' or 'no' answer and ask for kids to share their answers/predictions. Here are some questions that you can ask:



1. What do you think Betty's school project is?
2. What do you think will be the solution to her dilemma?
3. Who do you think the main character(s) of the book are?
4. Would you solve Betty's dilemma in the same way?
5. Who is your favorite character and why?

There are so many more questions you could ask that will pull your child/class/group in. These questions are just a few that will encourage deep thinking about the story, the characters and their deep reasoning. The flow of the story and its content will become clearer to them and help them retain the information being read.

Before Reading -

Another way to make the story personal is to share a time when you had a school dilemma. Explain how you went about solving your issue and who helped you if anyone. Ask the kids if they have ever had to make a hard decision and if so, how did they decide what to do.

During Reading -

- Describe the characters. You can read all of the character bios on my website at:

<https://mikitaylor.com/about-bentley-and-his-world/bentley-and-the-crew/> which can be read before you read the book and then point out their traits when reading the book.

- Discuss who they think is the most important character and why.
- Discuss what choice they would make: doing their assignment or play all day and why.
- Discuss what they think the phrase "It's easy peasy, just pose and grin a little cheesy" means and what effect it has on the story.

Don't forget to look for the predators when Betty is taking photos of the characters.

A fun way to get the class involved in the reading is having them sing "It's easy peasy, just pose & grin a little cheesy" when Bentley sings it in the book.

After Reading -

- Discuss which illustration was their favorite and why.
- Have them share how they would have helped Betty solve her school assignment dilemma and what they would have done differently.
- Create a different ending to the story.
- Discuss the relationship that Betty & Bentley have.
- Discuss what scene they would most like to be a part of and why.



Science Lesson 1

Predator Chain

Teaching kids about nature and animals can be both educational and fun. One of the most exciting topics to introduce to elementary kids is the predator chain, as they learn about basic animal behaviors, interaction, and survival.

"Bentley's Fantabulous Idea" is the perfect fun and enlightening way to make this introduction to some of the most popular and fascinating predators - sharks, cheetahs, eagles, birds, snakes, mongooses, coyotes, wolves, and hyenas.

Explore their roles in the predator chain and how they survive in the wild. This lesson will engage elementary kids in a hands-on, interactive learning experience and "Bentley's Fantabulous Idea" brings this fun lesson to life.

Sharks are known to be at the top of the food chain in the ocean. They are apex predators, which means that they have no natural predators in their habitat. This is because they are excellent hunters, with a strong sense of smell and sharp teeth, used for shredding their prey. When sharks hunt, they first target the weakest and the slowest of their prey. Then, they proceed to attack using their sharp teeth and powerful jaws. This makes sharks the ultimate predator, feared by many other marine creatures.

Cheetahs, on the other hand, are the fastest land animal in the world, making them one of the most efficient predators on land. They have slender bodies and powerful legs that help them run at incredible speeds of up to 70 miles per hour. Cheetahs hunt mainly during the day, and they have excellent eyesight for spotting their prey. They use their speed and agility to chase down their prey, usually antelopes, and use their sharp teeth to overpower and kill them.

Eagles are known for their sharp talons, which they use to catch their prey. They are also known for their excellent vision, which allows them to spot prey from high up in the sky. Eagles hunt both on land and in water, and they have a diverse diet ranging from fish to small mammals. When eagles spot a potential meal, they swoop down at lightning-fast speeds to capture their prey in their talons.

Birds such as owls and hawks are also predators. Owls are nocturnal hunters, meaning they hunt at night. They fly silently, making it easier to surprise their prey. Owls prey mainly on small mammals, such as rats and mice. Hawks, on the other hand, are daytime birds of prey and are known for their impressive speed and agility. They catch their prey using their sharp talons, much like eagles.



Snakes are sneaky predators that rely on their stealth and ability to blend in with their surroundings to catch their prey. 6

Some snakes use venom to kill their prey, while others use constriction. The python, for example, is a constrictor, which means that it squeezes its prey until it dies. Snakes are known to eat a range of prey, from insects to small mammals.

Mongoose, coyotes, wolves, and hyenas are also predators that play important roles in their respective habitats.

Mongoose are small carnivorous mammals that hunt insects, small reptiles, and mammals. Coyotes and wolves are larger predators that hunt in packs and can take down larger prey such as deer and elk. Hyenas are scavengers that sometimes hunt for prey, but mostly feed on carcasses.

Exploring the predator chain can be a fun and engaging experience for elementary kids. Understanding the roles of different predators in the wild can teach children about animal behaviors, interactions, and survival skills. Sharks, cheetahs, eagles, birds, snakes, mongoose, coyotes, wolves, and hyenas are just a few of the amazing predators that we explore in "Bentley's Fantabulous Idea". As teachers and parents, we can help kids appreciate the beauty of nature and the importance of wildlife conservation by teaching them about the incredible predator chain.





Science Lesson 2

Match the Predator

Here is a fun and educational activity for your little ones and even your elementary aged littles. Matching predators to their prey is an interactive game that teaches kids about different animals and their roles in the food chain. Not only is this activity fun and engaging, but it also promotes cognitive development and critical thinking skills. Read on to learn how to play this exciting game!

1. The first step to playing this game is to print out the set of predator and prey cards based on "Bentley's Fantabulous Idea". Cut out each animal and separate them into two piles: predators and prey. Make sure to shuffle the cards, so the game is not too predictable.
2. Next, explain to your child/class/group the concept of a food chain. Tell them that some animals eat other animals, and these animals are called predators. Other animals are eaten by predators, and these animals are called prey. Show them examples of different food chains in nature, such as lions eating zebras or eagles eating rabbits.
3. Once your child understands how the food chain works, you can begin the matching game. Spread out all the predator and prey cards on a flat surface. Ask your child to match each

predator card with the prey card that it would eat in a food chain. You can make this game more challenging by adding more cards or mixing up the piles.

As your child/class/group plays the game, encourage them to think critically about each animal's characteristics and habits. Ask them why they think a particular predator would eat a certain type of prey or what adaptations allow certain animals to be successful hunters. This game is an excellent opportunity to teach your child about science and nature in a fun and interactive way.



Finally, when the game is over, recap about what they have learned. Discuss which predators eat which prey and how these animals are connected in a food chain. Ask them to talk about any interesting facts they learned about animals, and encourage them to research new animals and create their food chains.

Matching predators to their prey is a fun and educational activity for children that promotes cognitive development and critical thinking skills. By learning about nature and the food chain, kids develop a stronger understanding and appreciation of the world around them. This game is an excellent way to teach your child/class/group about science and nature in an engaging and fun way while referring back to "Bentley's

Fantabulous Idea" for fun "Where Are They Hidden" activity.

Predators



Characters



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Social Studies

Teamwork

We've got the ultimate social studies lesson plan for your littles so that they can learn how important it is to work together toward a common goal just Bentley, Betty, Mr. Bee & The Crew did in "Bentley's Fantabulous Idea". Let's take them on a journey to learn about teamwork in the wackiest ways possible. Woohoo!

Start by explaining what teamwork is. Okay kiddos, let's get to the basics. Teamwork is when a group of people work together to complete a task.

Emphasize the importance of communication. Good communication is crucial to a successful team. Divide your students into pairs and challenge them to complete an obstacle course blindfolded, with one student guiding the other. This will require clear communication and trust (plus, it's fun to watch them bump into things).

Teach them about compromise. In any team, people have different ideas and opinions. That's why it's important to compromise, or find a solution that everyone is happy with.

Encourage them to celebrate diversity. We may look different and come from different backgrounds, but that doesn't mean we can't work together.

Now that the foundation has been laid, let's get everyone excited about the idea of teamwork, an interactive game of "Human Knot" to break the ice and give everyone a good chuckle. Divide the class into groups of four or five. Each group stands in a circle, then everyone reaches into the center, grabs the hand of a person, then grab a different hand with their other hand. The result is a messy knot of kids who've got to work together to undo the knot without letting go of anyone's hands.

Once the knot is undone, ask the groups to discuss how they worked together to figure out the task. This will give them a basic understanding of what teamwork is all about. After this activity, ask the kids to brainstorm different situations where they might need teamwork. List every idea on the board for a visual representation of their thoughts.

Now, it's time for some super de duper tea-rrific teamwork challenges! For younger kids, try the "Egg Drop Challenge." Give kids some materials like straws, cotton balls, and tape for them to use to create a fabtastic contraption that can catch an egg without breaking it. For older kids try the "Marshmallow Tower Challenge." Give kids a pile of marshmallows and sticks, and task them with building the tallest marshmallow tower they can.



After these challenges, bring the class back together and have each group share what worked and what didn't. Let them discuss what changes they would make to their designs for future challenges, which will reinforce the importance of working together and learning from mistakes made while working in a team.

No lesson is complete without a little funtabulous teamwork arts and crafts activity. Within your classroom, challenge your students to create a "team" flag, with each member contributing a symbol or color that represents them. When they come together, they'll create a beautiful and diverse banner that celebrates everyone's unique qualities & likes. Hang it in your classroom to put their teamwork on display. (flag can be made of white fabric)

Remember, teamwork is a vital skill that'll benefit your child/class/group in school and beyond. So, let's get creative and crazy with our teamwork challenges and activities. No better way to learn than by having fun!



Writing Lesson

Friendship

Bentley is Betty's very bestest not-human furry friend and she would be lost without him. They do absolutely everything together. Friendship is something very special, something that brings joy and happiness. Kids understand friendships too, just as much as adults do, if not more. That's why, as teachers and parents, we can use it as a tool for teaching them to write, express themselves, and have fun in the process. And let's face it, teaching writing can be a challenge, so why not make it silly and playful? Not all teaching moments have to be so serious.

Word Games: To start things off, let's play some word games! We'll give you two words, and your kids will have to write a sentence that includes both of them. For example, "My friend and I love to play tag because it's so fun and energetic." Got it? Great! Here are some word pairs to try: best friends, silly faces, tickles and giggles, secret handshakes, rainbow unicorns, and farting contests. Yep, you read that right! The last one is especially enticing for the young audience, and it's also a great exercise in creativity and humor! Encourage your kids to come up with the most ridiculous sentences they can, and don't forget to remind them that 'fart' is not a bad word, it's just a natural bodily function that makes us laugh (unless there's a real stinky one involved, then it's not so fun).

Emotion wheel: Friendship is not all rainbows and unicorns, sometimes it can be challenging, frustrating, annoying, or sad. That's why it's important for kids to learn about emotions and how to express themselves. The Emotion wheel is a fantastic tool for that! It consists of several pie slices representing different emotions, such as happy, sad, angry, scared, excited, and so on. Your kids can spin the wheel and land on an emotion, and then write a short story or a paragraph about a time when they felt that way about a friend. They can also draw a picture of themselves with that emotion and their friend, and decorate it with stickers, glitter, or anything else that sparks their creativity. By acknowledging and articulating their emotions, kids become more self-aware and empathetic, and that's a valuable life skill.

- To make an emotion spinner use a compass to draw a circle. Then use a ruler to cut the circle into 12 slices. Color the slices different colors and write an emotion and a number 1-12 on each slice. Kids will roll a set of dice to determine their emotion

Acrostic poem: Who doesn't love a good poem, right? Well, maybe not all kids, but with the Acrostic Poem format, they can make it fun and meaningful! An acrostic poem spells out a word vertically and uses each letter as the starting point for a new phrase or sentence. For example, if the word is FRIEND, then the poem could go like this: F- Fun and silly, R- Reliable and kind, I- Interesting and smart, E- Encouraging and supportive, N- Never judges or bullies, D- Delightful to be around.

To tie into "Bentley's Fantabulous Idea" have your child/class/group each choose a character in the book to make their acrostic poem.

Thank-You Note: When was the last time you received a handwritten note of appreciation? Bentley loves to receive letters and mail. It feels pretty great. Let's spread that feeling of joy and gratitude. Ask your kids to think of someone who has been a great friend to them recently, and write a thank-you note to that person. It can be as simple as "Dear Bentley, Thank you for being a great friend. I like playing with you and having sleepovers. You make me happy. Love, Emma." Or it can be more elaborate, with drawings, stickers, and personal anecdotes. The point is to express appreciation and strengthen the bond of friendship.

A fun writing lesson about friendship that combines word games, emotions, poetry, and gratitude. Your class will enjoy these activities and learn something valuable while doing them. Who knows, maybe they'll even discover a love for writing and become the next famous author or poet! But most importantly, they'll have fun, and that's what friendship is all about. So, go ahead, grab a pen and paper, and let's write some wacky, wonderful words together!



Art Lesson

"Bentley's Fantabulous Idea" is about a school project pertaining to photos. Selfies are all the rage, have you child/class/group draw a selfie of themselves with their favorite character in the book. The crazier the better. Imagination is an amazing thing and it needs to be exercised. Tell your class to use their imagination when it comes to the mediums used. Such examples outside of the regulars (crayons, colored pencils, acrylic & watercolor paints, construction paper) glitter, fabric, pompoms, felt, feathers, yarn etc. Colorful creativity is key.



Spelling Bee

"Bentley's Fantabulous Idea" and the character bios are filled with super de duper funtabulously hilarious words. These words are not only fun to say and read, they were a delight to think up and include in the book and the character bios. Ask each student to make up their own fun word and add them all to the list from the book and the bios and have a mini spelling bee in your class. You can print the special Mr. Bee Spelling Bee certificate on the next page and give to each class member for their creative word creation and taking part in the "Mr. Bee's Super De Duper Out of This World Spelling Bee"

Funtabulous
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Funtastic
Super De Duper
favoristic
dogtourage
super de duper
Dogilicious
Animalicious
Fantabulistic
Funtabulistic
Fabulicious
haptastic
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SPELLING BEE



TOP WORD CREATOR

Super De Duper Teacher

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Mr. Bee



Language Arts

Rhyming

Teaching your kids about language arts can be fun when you use rhyming! Rhyming is a classic way to introduce children to poetry, improve their vocabulary, and build their reading comprehension skills. We'll share some fun ways to teach and reinforce rhyming concepts with your children. Let's get ready to rhyme!

In "Bentley's Fantabulous Idea" rhyming is a main part of the solution to Betty's school assignment dilemma and Bentley made sure to sing his catchy rhyme so many times, because it made helping Betty with her assignment fun for the entire crew especially Bentley. He loved singing "It's easy peasy, just pose and grin a little cheesy" over and over.

Start by asking your child/class/group to think of their own fun rhyme like Bentley made. It can be about anything they want it to be. Once they have all completed their rhyme they can take turns singing/saying them out loud to everyone. To add a little more fun to this activity you can take all of the rhyming sayings and turn it into a funny class song.

Rhyme Chain

Sit in a circle and begin by saying a word. The next person has to come up with a word that rhymes with the first word, and the chain of rhyming continues with each person taking turns. The first person who can't come up with a new rhyme is out, and the chain starts over again.

Rhyme Relay: Using Rhyming Games as Final Activity
Wrap up this fun lesson with a rhyming relay game. Divide the students into teams and have them create a relay rhyming challenge. The first student on each team starts by saying a word, and the next student has to continue the rhyme. The team that finishes first and comes up with the most rhyming words wins.

This fun language arts lesson is sure to engage elementary children in the exciting and stimulating world of words and literature. With rhyme games, rhyming poetry, rhyming riddles, rhyming picture books, and a rhyming relay, kids are sure to have fun while learning the essentials of language skills. And most importantly, this language arts lesson will create a love for language, poetry, and learning that will stay with them for years to come. So, go ahead, make learning fun, and encourage your young learners to explore the vast world of words and rhymes!



Multiple Intelligence

Children are unique in their learning styles. They come from different backgrounds, have different interests, and excel in different areas. That is where the theory of multiple intelligence comes in, acknowledging that every child is different and has a unique way of learning. As teachers and parents, we need to understand and recognize to each child's strengths and weaknesses. In this blog post, we'll discuss ten fun and interactive multiple intelligence activities that can help children develop and excel.

Musical Intelligence: Music is a great tool for children to develop their musical intelligence. Provide them with various instruments and let them create their own rhythms and compositions. You can also introduce them to different music genres and ask them to identify the instruments used.

- Use the phrase "It's easy peasy, just pose and grin a little cheesy" and have each child sing it in their own rhythm or genre.

Linguistic Intelligence: To improve linguistic intelligence, try engaging children in fun storytelling activities. Children can take turns creating a story, or you can start the story and have each child add a sentence or two. This will stimulate their creativity and improve their vocabulary and language skills.



- Play I-Spy with the words in "Bentley's Fantabulous Idea" and the predators found on most pages.
- Look through the book "Bentley's Fantabulous Idea" and create a list of all of the feelings that you find the characters showing either through illustrations or words.
- Go to "The Crew" bios page on www.MikiTaylor.com and let kids read about each character and list out all of the feelings that they find from their bios.

Logical-Mathematical Intelligence: For logical-mathematical intelligence, you can involve children in solving puzzles and riddles, or create a scavenger hunt with clues that require logical thinking to solve. You can also play math games with them, like Sudoku or tangrams, which will enhance their problem-solving skills.

Spatial Intelligence: Spatial intelligence can be enhanced by playing with building blocks or creating and decorating 3D models with playdough or clay. You can also provide them with various materials to create their own structures or art pieces.

Bodily-Kinesthetic Intelligence: Children with bodily-kinesthetic intelligence learn through movement. Encourage them to engage in physical activities like dance, sports, or outdoor games. You can also incorporate yoga and stretching exercises to help them develop body awareness and control.



Interpersonal Intelligence: Interpersonal intelligence involves understanding and connecting with others. Encourage children to work in groups and participate in team-building activities. Activities like role-playing or debating can help them develop their empathy and communication skills.

- Each child can choose a character in "Bentley's Fantabulous Idea" and act out what the character is doing in the book and make up different scenes with the characters.
- Each child can write a letter to Bentley and share what makes him a special character and unique.

Intrapersonal Intelligence: this involves understanding oneself. Encourage children to reflect on their emotions, interests, and goals. Journal writing can be a great tool for this, as it allows children to express themselves and reflect on their personal experiences. You can work with your child/students and create a special place at home or in the classroom to have alone time. Share that alone time is special time.

Naturalistic Intelligence: Children with naturalistic intelligence enjoy nature and the outdoors. Take them on outdoor expeditions, like hikes or camping trips, and ask them to identify different plants, animals, and other natural elements. This will help them develop their observation and classification skills.



The theory of multiple intelligence has provided us with a profound way of understanding children's unique learning styles. As teachers and parents, we can use this theory to facilitate children's growth and development. Incorporating these fun and interactive multiple intelligence activities can help children explore and develop their strengths and overcome their weaknesses. By doing so, we can support children as they grow into confident, capable, and well-rounded individuals.



Funtastic Word Search

C P Z G B T X I I A W B P A Q
A I B N U O D F G S X E B F F
R C I C M L U J E S J N E R M
D T R O O M V X F I P T T I C
I U D Y N O S B S G I L T C K
N R S O G A P W N N Y E Y A W
A E V T O M J O A M D Y M N G
L V S E O M M L K E S E M V H
M W H S S Z R V E N B E B I J
A T A C E X B E S T E Z N O L
S Z R N S Y E S Y L G E O L N
Q Z K P Z P E H Y E N A S E Z
W R S L E A G L E S Q Z K T R
G N M O C F R I E N D S Q B T
C H E E T A H S N G M W S H T

Friends

Picture

Mr. Bee

Bentley

Betty

Assignment

African Violet

Cheetahs

Mongoose

Coyotes

Eagles

Sharks

Hyenas

Birds

Snakes

Wolves

Cardinal



Funtastic Word Search

Answer Key



C	P	Z	G	B	T	X	I	I	A	W	B	P	A	Q
A	I	B	N	U	O	D	F	G	S	X	E	B	F	F
R	C	I	C	M	L	U	J	E	S	J	N	E	R	M
D	T	R	O	O	M	V	X	F	I	P	T	T	I	C
I	U	D	Y	N	O	S	B	S	G	I	L	T	C	K
N	R	S	O	G	A	P	W	N	N	Y	E	Y	A	W
A	F	V	T	O	M	J	O	A	M	D	Y	M	N	G
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A	T	A	C	E	X	B	E	S	T	E	Z	N	O	L
S	Z	R	N	S	Y	E	S	Y	L	G	E	O	L	N
Q	Z	K	P	Z	P	F	H	Y	E	N	A	S	E	Z
W	R	S	L	F	A	G	I	F	S	Q	Z	K	T	R
G	N	M	O	C	F	R	I	E	N	D	S	Q	B	T
C	H	F	F	T	A	H	S	N	G	M	W	S	H	T

Coloring Pages

The coloring pages included in this book guide aren't your normal coloring pages. These are the rough drawings when my illustrator was creating some different poses for Bentley, Betty, & Mr. Bee so they will not look like your usual coloring pages but these are very special pages in the creation of Bentley's World.

Let your creativity & imagination shine, use unconventional mediums and make these extra special. There is a very special coloring page included in "Bentley's Fantabulous Idea" and you can color it right in the book!!

I hope you enjoy coloring these as much as I enjoyed seeing these characters and poses being created. I would love to see your artwork, email pics to Hello@MikiTaylor.com









Bentley's Fantabulous Idea



BookMark

We all know that Reading Rocks so how cool is having the rocker of the group saying it on your book mark? Here are the instructions to making your bookmark:

1. Print this page on a colored printer
2. Cut out the bookmark
3. Glue the two bookmarks together
4. Use a holepunch to punch out the white hole at the top
5. Use any type of string or ribbon to make the tassel at the end of the bookmark so you don't lose it when you put it in your "Bentley's Fantabulous Idea" book.





Hosting a Bentley & The Crew Fun Day/Event FAQ'S



TO SCHEDULE

You can find the "Request a School Visit" form at <https://mikitaylor.com/teachers-and-parents/host-a-bentley-and-the-crew-day-or-event/>

CONTACT

You can use the "Contact the Author Page" on our website or email Miki Taylor directly at [Hello@MikiTaylor.com](mailto>Hello@MikiTaylor.com)

FEE/ SCHEDULING

Provided upon request for visit due to a multitude of factors, the rates will vary and don't forget to ask how you can have me visit for FREE!!!

Author Visit Resources

Love to host an event but don't know how to fund it? There are many ways to obtain funding for an author's visit. A school PTO or enrichment council may offer funding, or the school district may have grants you can apply for.

Here are some additional resources that are worth looking into.

<https://mccartheydressman.org/academic-enrichment-grants/>

<https://www.fundforteachers.org>

<https://www.neafoundation.org/educator-grants-and-fellowships/>

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/civic-integration/learn-about-the-citizenship-and-integration-grant-program>

<https://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/awards/browse/grnt?showfilter=no>

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/community-giving/>

<https://www.donorschoose.org>

Don't know how to write a grant, here is a website to get you started <http://www.marci-as-lesson-links.com/SoYouWantToWriteAGrant.html>



Sponsors from within the community are also a great idea and I am more than happy to incorporate their businesses into my presentation and add a special “Sponsored By” on the promo posters.

Author Ambassador Program

Our author ambassador program allows parents, friends, relatives, teachers & librarians to get involved and become the “Special Guest Reader” of Bentley’s Fantabulous Idea. You receive all the same benefits that you would if you hosted me, the author, but at a fraction of the cost AND it can even be free!!! Your “Special Guest Reader” will read in my place and I will join you live at the end for a Q&A zoom session. Just choose Author Ambassador Program when filling out the Inquiry form below!!

PRESENTATION

My presentation is very visual and works well for a small group of 1 class or an entire grade/school.

I’m open to anything from one grade level at a time to a whole school assembly or any other ideas you might have.





Potential Schedule PreK - 5th

- One grade level/classroom
- Two grade-level groupings of Pre K-K, K-1st, 1st-2nd, 2nd-3rd, 3rd-4th, 4th-5th - Presentation is geared toward the grades attending. Different aspects of the book are discussed depending on grade level. It does work best if pre-K is done separately but I can work with you.
- Four grade-level groups such as Pre-K-2nd or 2nd-5th
- After school group/club
- Want to have a Bentley's Fantabulous Idea Birthday Celebration? - We do that too!!
- Have another need, contact us. I am up for anything fun for the kids!

Approximate Presentation times:

45 - 90 minutes depending on the grade/group attending

Have something different in mind, reach out, I'm flexible

Travel expenses beyond two hours. Email me with your location and number of presentations for specifics.

ORDERING BOOKS

STUDENT PRE-ORDER Forms-These will be sent in your Author Visit Packet after you book your visit. I will need these back 1 month prior to my visit. Students may purchase paperback, hardback or both. I accept paypal/Venmo/Cash App as form of payment for all pre-ordered books which can be sent to me by the organizer. I

will bring books signed by Bentley & Myself the day of the event for everyone that has purchased in advanced. These will come in special bags with the kid's names by class with xtra Bentley merch as a thank you for inviting me.

I will bring some extra books for those purchasing after the orders are sent to me and for day of visit sales. I will add the child's name to the books prior to leaving the school on visit day. If there are more orders than what I bring I will mail the signed books/deliver the following week.

I will also bring book order postcards for teachers to hand out to any kids that didn't order who might want to order after the assembly.

The event organizer will receive a hardback copy of Bentley's Fantabulous Idea with the Author Visit Packet to familiarize the students with the book and get them excited to do the exclusive author visit activities prior to my arrival. Any student that allows the organizer to take photos of their activities to share on my website & socials will receive an exclusive school visit Thank you dog tag only available if I am booked for a visit.

If the school wants to place a bulk order - please reach out for bulk discount/free book information. (a w-9 can be provided upon request)



Virtual Visits

Yes, these still exist, and we make it really fun for you & your students/group and it is an inexpensive way to expose your students to a published author and my real life, furry not-human bestie Bentley will also make an appearance on every virtual visit!!! Please indicate "Virtual Visit" on the Author Visit Request Form or in your email.

Students/Teachers/Organizers receive the same author visit packet & extras as if I was there in person.

Equipment Needed

I will bring my laptop and connector if I know what type of setup you will be providing but will also save everything to a flash drive to avoid compatibility issues as a backup. I will also need a microphone if I am presenting in an area other than a classroom and will need 2 large folding tables.



We're Hosting a Bentley & The Crew Fun Day/Event Now what?

Once your visit is booked the organizer will receive a Hosting Bentley & The Crew Packet.

Included in your Hosting Packet

- Information cards for every teacher whose class will be joining which will include links to all pertinent information/forms.
- A complimentary hard back book
- Student Pre-Order Forms - one form for each teacher whose class will be joining that can be copied if additional copies are needed.
- Bentley's Fantabulous Idea Posters for each teacher whose class will be joining along with some ideas on creating the room display.
- Author Bio Cards to include with the Author Visit poster display.
- Book Description card to include with the Author Visit poster display.
- Bentley's Classroom Swag Tag Order Form - one form for each teacher whose class will be joining.



- Social Media posts that can be shared on personal and classroom accounts to share my visit information & book ordering information.
- 3 Special activities - These activities are only available to kids whose school/club bring me in for a visit. You are allowing me to touch your students and I want you all to feel special. Activities will be sent for each student in each class that will be attending (Teachers/Librarians have enough to do, we want to make it easy for you, so no duplicating, it will be done for you)
- List of equipment needed/wanted
- Tentative schedule
- Copy of Author Visit FAQ's
- Invoice if my visit hasn't been paid prior to arrival or isn't free.

