

Author Visits with Anne Rellihan

Cooking Up a Mystery

In this presentation, Anne explores the elements of a page-turning mystery while highlighting those elements in her middle grade novel *Not the Worst Friend in the World*. Students discuss what makes mysteries memorable, discuss some of their favorites, and get started brainstorming the key ingredients for their own mystery story.

- 50-60 minutes, including Q&A
- Suitable for students in 3rd-6th grades

Creating Characters Readers Remember

In this presentation, Anne explores how to create characters that jump off the page and stay with readers long after they finish reading. She discusses the characters in *Not the Worst Friend in the World*, with a behind-the-scenes look at how she created them. Students then have an opportunity to create a character they could feature in their own future works of fiction.

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What Did LOU Do? Vs. What Would YOU Do?

Designed for groups that have read *Not the Worst Friend in the World*

Best for groups or classrooms of students who have read Anne's book, this presentation takes a closer look at the challenges Lou faces in the story. Students will reflect on and discuss the choices they would have made, and they'll get a behind-the-scenes peek at the process of writing the book, including scenes that were cut from the final version of the story.

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Book Club Style Q&A

Perfect for small groups, book clubs, or classrooms that have read *Not the Worst Friend in the World*. Anne will answer questions about characters, plot, setting, and her journey to becoming a children's book author.

- Suitable for smaller groups of students who have read *Not the Worst Friend in the World*

Custom Presentation/Workshop

Anne loves working with students, and as a former educator, she understands the importance of aligning students' time with their interests, goals, and current curriculum. Presentations can be customized to tie to specific groups, themes, objectives, and skills.