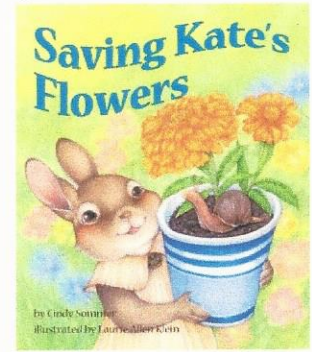


SCHEDULE A VISIT WITH AUTHOR, CINDY SOMMER



SAVING KATE'S FLOWERS
(ARBORDALE PUBLISHING, AUG. 2016)
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Kate wants to save all the flowers from dying before winter. But Kate learns that some flowers will come back in the spring. Those are called perennials. Some don't come back, and those are called annuals. Kate pots up as many annuals as she can, and brings them all inside. She forgets that Dad is allergic. What will Kate do now? Arbordale Publishing has aligned this book to Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core and all individual state standards.

Accelerated Reader: 2.5

Lexile Level: AD410L

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SCIENCE CAN BE FUN THROUGH LITERATURE:

-Suitable for ages 3-8, this book teaches kids about flowers, gardening, and seasons in a humorous and touching way.

-Great tool for parents, teachers, and day care providers to facilitate discussions about life cycle of plants, and allergies.

-Fun and educational interactive activities in the back of the book.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Cindy Sommer's love for gardening started at a young age while admiring her mother's green thumb. She passed this love of plants on to her daughters, who are the inspiration behind her debut picture book, *Saving Kate's Flowers*. Along with gardening, Cindy always had a passion for writing, a passion she cultivated with a BA in English from SUNY Oneonta. Cindy does her gardening and writing at her home on Long Island, along with her husband, two daughters, two dogs, and horse.

AUTHOR PRESENTATIONS:

Cindy's presentations for children in Pre-K to 2nd grade are typically 30-45 minutes long. Cindy requires that teachers or adults be present through the entire program. The material is best presented to smaller groups of children, preferably no larger than 30. However, for larger groups, the author brings her laptop and uses the school's projector so everyone can enjoy the illustrations with PowerPoint. She likes to arrive an hour earlier to ensure that the equipment is working properly.

PLANT A SEED, GROW A PICTURE BOOK:

For Pre-K/Kindergarten: After reading her book, Cindy has the students re-create a scene from the book using a felt board. She then has the children pretend they are seeds using props and interaction. Much giggling is expected. Activities may vary due to time and number of students. Coloring pages are given to the teacher for later use. Q&A period if time allows. Approx. 30 minutes.

FOR 1st-2nd GRADERS: Cindy discusses how like a seed that grows into a plant with a flower, an idea can grow and bloom into a picture book. She covers the simple process of publishing a picture book, which includes props of written and typed manuscripts, and picture book dummies. After reading her book, needs of a plant, the plant life cycle, and parts of a plant may be reviewed. Q&A period and/or a writing lesson if time allows. Approx. 30-45 minutes.

OTHER PROGRAMS OFFERED: For libraries and bookstores, or if a full educational program is not desired, Cindy will read her book and offer a simple non-messy, flower themed craft. Approx. 30 minutes.

FEES: Cindy charges \$300.00 for one presentation, \$900.00 for full day, up to four presentations.

Reading/Craft: \$250.00

For author to attend a vendor event for book signing/selling books – No Charge.

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