

Tips for a Wonderful Author Experience

1. Students will get the most out of a presentation if they are grouped with others of the same age. I suggest single grade groupings or groupings like, 3rd and 4th or 4th and 5th, etc.
2. Have a teacher or librarian introduce the visiting author's book(s) before the visit. Come up with good questions to ask ahead of time.
3. Talk about appropriate behavior during an Author Visit. Treat the visiting author as you would a teacher. Classroom rules apply!
4. Arrange with the author to have signed books available for students. Supply students with an order form (see website) for the author's books, which they can bring home and return to school at least a week before the visit. On the day of the visit, they will then be able to take home a signed and personalized copy of the author's book as a memento of the day -- and perhaps an inspiration!

**FREE LEARNING RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND
ON MY WEBSITE AT
www.LatoyaDesamour.com**



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Her encounters with students in grades K-5 over the years have allowed her to see first hand the daily insecurities that they face. *The New Me* and *More Than Words* were written to motivate and encourage children to love themselves and embrace their differences.

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"Building CONFIDENT KIDS one story at a time"

Author Visits

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Presentations

HOW BOOKS ARE BORN

45 min. 3rd-6th grade

How does a story in your head become a book that can be purchased and checked out from a library? I was always fascinated with children's books. I loved reading them and scanning the pictures over and over again! In this presentation I'll talk about how I came to do what I do today, my writing process, and how you get a book published. Kids will see what a manuscript looks like from a messy first draft, to a typed page covered in notes from critique partners and editors, to final work. They'll even get to see how the pictures get revised and how my ideas came to life through illustrations. Students will have an opportunity to learn how they can publish a book at any age!

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Promoting Confident Kids through Literature

40 min. 2nd-6th grade

The New Me and More Than Words were written with character development and child safety in mind. With so many children/teens having smart phones with Internet access, the prevalence of predators has increased. We are learning now of websites and email campaigns bent on encouraging young people to hurt themselves or others even to the point of suicide. While this is not discussed in the presentation, I believe the theme of these books and presentation can help children avoid becoming victims of these predators and negative behavior. This program begins with an introduction to the theme of the books and some thought provoking questions. Students will then be led in an interactive and engaging discussion about bullying, self-confidence and how to be a CONFIDENT KID. After a read aloud of *More Than Words*, students are welcome to ask questions.

Both Workshops Include:

Author Read Aloud

Interactive Discussion

Q and A Session

Author Signing

Discounted prices on books ordered for students

Speaker Fees

Read Aloud	25 min. Author read aloud only. Includes Q&A session. Local travel included.	Contact for pricing
1 session	45 min. Your choice of assembly with up to 350 students. Local travel included .	Contact for pricing
2 sessions	45 min. for each assembly. Pick the same presentation twice or one of each presentation. Local travel included. add additional session for \$50	Contact for pricing
All Day	All day, plus lunch and learn with select students (up to 20 students). Local travel included.	Contact for pricing