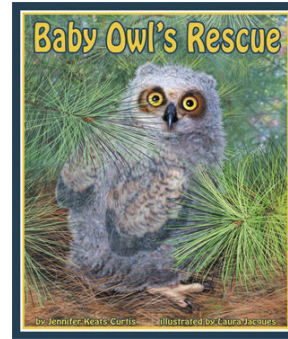
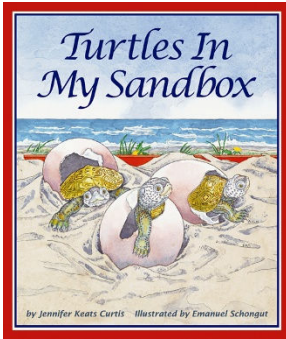


Schedule a School Visit with Maryland Children's Author Jennifer Keats Curtis!



***Turtles In My Sandbox* is a 2006 ASPCA Henry Bergh Award Finalist!**

When a diamondback terrapin lays eggs in a girl's sandbox, she becomes a "turtle-sitter" in *Turtles in My Sandbox*. She raises the hatchlings until they become big enough to fend for themselves in the wild and then releases them. Along the way, she learns about these unique animals and that she has made an important contribution to their survival.

Baby Owl's Rescue is about Maddie and Max's discovery of a baby owl in their backyard. Luckily for the baby owl, Maddie and Max's mom is a wildlife rehabilitator, and she knows exactly what to do. As the neighborhood watches, Maddie and Max's mom, with the help of a firefighter and his truck, help replace the baby in the tree, but will the baby owl's mother come back for him?

***Baby Owl's Rescue* is due out in Fall 2009!**

Jennifer Keats Curtis wants to help bring children close to the animals in their own backyards. By combining language arts with science in a storybook setting, she hopes to bring this Gulf Coast and Atlantic species to life, to help young children understand important ecological issues, and what they can do to help. Jennifer's first book, *Oshus and Shelly Save the Bay*, won the Frederick Douglass Award (Maryland Council of Teachers of English Language Arts). She resides in the Annapolis, Maryland area, with two daughters, one husband, one golden retriever, two hermit crabs, and of course, a turtle.

A lot of parents would like to help their children improve upon their writing. Do you have any advice for them?

"My best advice – and something I help kids work on during writing workshops – is encouraging kids to 'throw up' on paper. We talk about making a mess to be creative! A lot of kids also seem to think that as soon as pen hits the paper (or font hits the computer screen), they can't make any changes. Of course, this is not so! Brain dumping helps break that habit by encouraging kids to stop editing in their heads. Get all of those great thoughts down on paper and then rearrange, organize, and edit."



Not only are Jennifer's books fun, they're educational, too!

The back of each Sylvan Dell book features a "[For Creative Minds](#)" section:

Turtles in My Sandbox:

- Fun Facts
- Turtle Habitat and Adaptation Craft
- Counting Activity

Baby Owl's Rescue:

- Great Horn Owl Fun Facts
- Adaptation Matching Activity
- Owl Life Sequencing

Additional Online Resources include: Cross-curricular [Teaching Activities](#), [English/Spanish eBooks](#), [Audiobooks](#), child-friendly [Related Websites](#), Comprehension & Math [Quizzes](#). Aligned to [national and state curriculum Standards](#), and AR & Reading Counts Quizzes.



"This beautiful full color picture book was a pleasure to read to my three little inquisitive minds. *Turtles in My Sandbox* by Jennifer Keats Curtis comes highly recommended." - Jennifer LB Leese, *Picket News*

"The facts and color activities at the end of the book are a first-rate addition to the book. This book is highly recom-

mended for children ages 4 to 10, and will be a great addition to second to fifth grade science units in classrooms."

- Judith Nasse, www.JudithNasse.com



Visit Details and Rates:

- Please contact Jennifer for details and rates, or to schedule a school visit, at jcurtis@cablespeed.com. For additional info about terrapins and Jennifer in general, visit <http://www.terrapinbook.com/>.

How To Schedule:

1. Coordinate with other classes (or schools or libraries), and decide what day works best.
2. Contact author directly to schedule date, time and details.
Email Jennifer at jcurtis@cablespeed.com.
3. Send letter home to parents announcing the author visit and offering them the opportunity to order autographed books for their children. (Form letter enclosed!)
4. Preorder books and coordinate book sales with author.

Dear Parents,

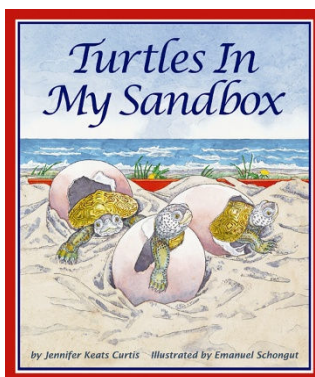
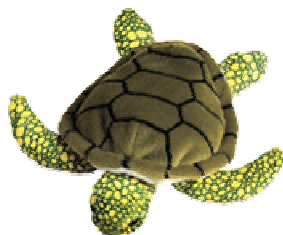
We are excited to announce that award-winning children's author Jennifer Keats Curtis (*Turtles in My Sandbox* and *Baby Owl's Rescue*, Fall 2009) will be visiting our school on _____ to meet our students, talk about her books and lead the classroom(s) in fun, educational discussions and activities! To purchase a copy of her book so that your child can receive an autograph and remember this special day, please fill out and return the attached order form by _____.

Best wishes,

**Yes! I would like to help my child remember
Jennifer's school visit!**

Name of Child: _____ Name of Teacher: _____

Grade: _____ Personalize Autograph To: _____



Title		Retail Price	School Fair Price	Quantity	Total
<i>Turtles In My Sandbox</i>	Hardcover	\$15.95			
Plush 8" Green Sea Turtle		\$7.95			

Please make checks payable to (if applicable):

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Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____