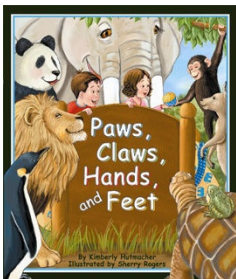


Schedule a School Visit with Illinois Children's Author



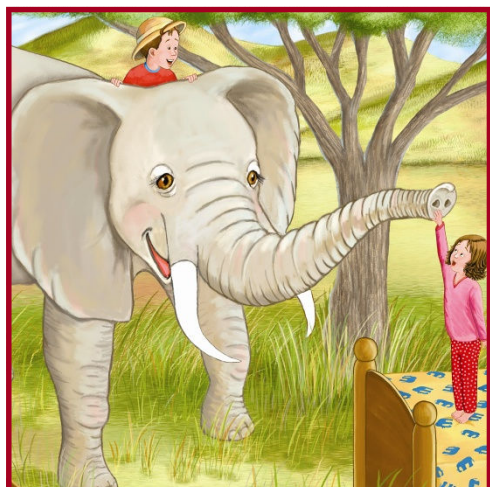
Kim Hutmacher!



New Release! Spring 2009

Paws, Claws, Hands, and Feet

Get off on the right foot! Join the animals in their foot-frolicking fun: running, jumping, leaping, and hopping; and then resting, just like the critters and creatures featured in Kim Hutmacher's *Paws, Claws, Hands, and Feet*. Go along on the exciting dream journey from morning to night, using hands and feet just like squirrels, monkeys, rats, spiders, frogs, penguins, elephants, lions, kangaroos, pandas, and eagles. Travel to the lush jungle, the African savannah, Australian outback, and to the frozen Antarctic. Finally, as the sun sets, snuggle beneath the covers and snooze, with recollections of animals at play, inspired by the imaginative illustrations of Sherry Rogers. After all, even the wild things need some time to rest after a day of fast-footed play!



What was Kim's incentive to write this particular book?

"We are a homeschooling family. A few years ago, while doing research for an animal unit study, I had a difficult time finding information on this topic for younger audiences. I found books that taught children how to identify animal appendages, but nothing that showed how animals used their appendages and how similar human appendages are to animals. I also found lots of "just the facts" type books for older children, but nothing lively and engaging for my little ones. I decided that I would write the kind of book that my children would learn from but also have fun with."

Not only is Kim's book fun, but it's educational, too!

Paws, Claws, Hands, and Feet features a "For Creative Minds" section (see below), Cross-curricular "Teaching Activities," English/Spanish eBooks and audio, child-friendly "Related Websites," and Comprehension & Math quizzes, all available at www.SylvanDellPublishing.com.

"For Creative Minds"

- Paws, Claws, Hands, and Feet Matching Activity
 - Hands and Feet - What are they good for?
 - Paws, Claws, Hands, and Feet Adaptations

A School Visit with Kim...

PAWS, CLAWS, HANDS AND FEET

I would love to read PAWS, CLAWS, HANDS AND FEET to your class. I'll also share some interesting facts about animal appendages and engage students in a related craft.

An Editor's Eye

Speaking briefly about my experiences as a poetry editor for a magazine, I will take students through a step-by-step critiquing process with their stories. We'll discuss the important goal of developing the editor's objective eye.

Author's Corner

During this session, I will share several different possible publication opportunities for young people. We'll talk about writer's guidelines, cover letters and presenting our work professionally.

Word Wizards

I'll share my personal process for finding just the right words for my stories. Students will become word wizards as they successfully search for and find the perfect words for their own stories.

If you have something else in mind, email me. I'm happy to work with you to design just the right session/workshop for your group. Fees are dependent upon length of session, size of group and where you are located. For a quote, email me at kiddos@warpnet.net.

About Kim Hutmacher

- She has written numerous pieces of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry for children's magazines and anthologies.
- She homeschooled her three children for several years, and they have a huge love and curiosity for science.
- She adores dogs! She and her husband have rescued many strays over the course of their marriage.
- Her favorite color is red.
- The place she would most like to visit is Italy. (Would any teachers or librarians out there from Italy like to host her for a school visit?!)
- For more information, visit Kim's website, <http://www.kimberlyhutmacher.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.**
 - Kim Hutmacher, kiddos@warpnet.net
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.**
 - Coordinate book sales with author.

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that children's author Kim Hutmacher (*Paws, Claws, Hands, and Feet*) will be visiting our school on _____ to meet our students, talk about her book 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,

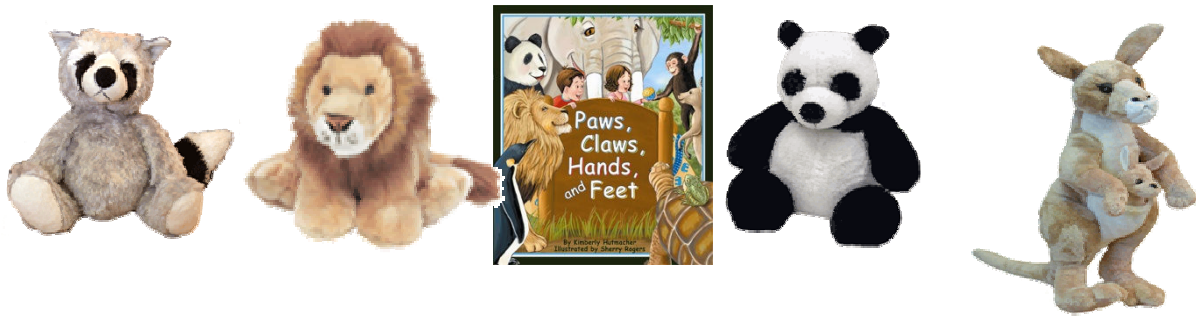
Yes! I would like to help my child remember Kim's school visit!

Name of Child:

Grade:

Name of Teacher:

Personalize Autograph To:



Title		Retail Price	School Fair Price	Quantity	Total
<i>Paws, Claws, Hands, and Feet</i>	Hardcover	\$16.95			
	Paperback	\$8.95			
Plush 6.5" Raccoon		\$8.80			
Plush 12" Lion		\$21.75			
Plush 7" Panda		\$10.80			
Plush 15" Kangaroo with Baby Joey		\$19.95			

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Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

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