

To the fabulous teachers in Glendora ~

I'm excited to visit your classrooms! I hope you will again allow me to speak to your students about my books and the writing and publishing processes.



To the teachers I haven't met, my name is Gale Leach, I live in Arizona, and I'm the author of four novels in "The Adventures of Bruce and Friends" series for children. These books, beginning with *Bruce and the Road to Courage*, are award-winning adventure stories that get non-readers to read and keep the rest asking for another chapter.

I will be in Glendora from Tuesday, November 1, through Friday, November 10, 2016. I first visited Glendora in 2012 after Rebecca Valbuena, then a teacher at Stanton Elementary, wrote to me. I've returned each year, adding schools and new classrooms of students who read and discuss my novels.

I find it's best if the students read/are reading one of the books prior to my visit. (Beginning with book one, *Bruce and the Road to Courage*, is recommended.) Reading and talking about the book ahead of my visit will help the students have a richer, more meaningful experience, and they'll be able to ask more in-depth questions. The novels offer numerous themes and topics for discussion.

If you schedule a visit, I'll make sure you receive a complimentary copy of the book (to read aloud or have in the classroom). Also, a comprehensive PDF teacher's guide is available at no charge to accompany the first book, *Courage*.

This teacher's guide will help you:

- Develop activities based on the book;
- Link the book with your curriculum;
- Continue to use ideas from the book long after my visit.

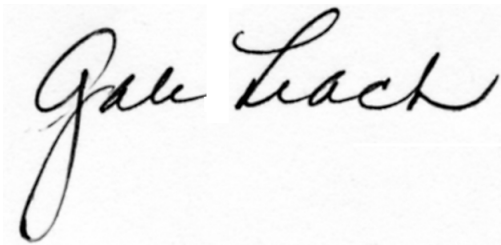
I do not charge for visits, although selling copies of my books helps defray expenses. I prefer to send pre-order letters ahead of time, allowing students to purchase books in advance. In this way, I can bring the correct number of copies with me (and even have them inscribed prior to the visit, which saves time).

I love to visit individual classrooms where students are comfortable and the group isn't too large, allowing for better engagement. Libraries are also good, or if you have a space better suited, that's fine. In large rooms, like a gym or cafeteria, a microphone system is helpful.

Visits usually last an hour or more, if time permits, although shorter visits are possible. I answer questions regarding the book and then discuss the processes of writing, editing, and publishing. If time permits, I love to craft a quick fantasy story with the class, allowing them to dictate the setting, characters, plot, etc.

Please reply to me as soon as possible with your answer regarding my visit. Limited slots are available, and I'll take requests on a first come/first served basis. Also, please let me know if you have questions or would like more information. I'd love to talk with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gale Leach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "G".

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