

Jim Walser: Story-n-Actor

"Edu-tainment" For All Ages

"The best assembly we've ever had...your enthusiasm is contagious!"

Principal, Arcadia School



STORYTELLING AND THE THREE R'S

Read to Succeed

"Reading is the fundamental skill upon which all formal education depends. Low reading achievement is the root cause of low performing schools. Reading aloud to children is the single most important activity one can do to raise a reader."
- U.S. Department of Education

Performance and/or Workshop

Storytelling performances inspire students to love reading. Classroom storytelling activities improve students reading and writing skills. Workshops help parents, teachers, librarians, and camp counselors use simple storytelling techniques while reading aloud to children.

TEACH THE MIND, TOUCH THE HEART

Character Education

If ***character counts*** ... If respect, responsibility, and reason count as much as reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic... If ***pride*** (***Polite, Responsible, Individuals Doing Extra***) is important... If your children like storytelling, skits, live animals, magic, music, and audience participation ... If good character is a matter of choice, not chance ... Choose Teach the Mind, Touch the Heart!

Qualifies for Safe and Drug-Free Schools Entitlement Money.

EARTH DAY EVERY DAY

Green Lifestyles

Discover the beauty and the beast in all creatures as seen by *"The Phantom of the Opera"*. Enjoy the fruits of recycling with grave robber *"Barnaby P. Scrapps"*. Visit the polluted *"Mr. Codgers Neighborhood"*. Learn from a Native American Indian legend to live simply so that others may simply live. Help save the earth through the *"Magic of Whopperfield!"*



DOWN ON THE FARM

Tall tales and true stories about the mischievous adventures of farm boys hatching "pony eggs", churning butter with frog legs, getting sprayed by a skunk, bitten by a snapping turtle, and zapped by an electric fence. Whoeee! Fun for everyone!

IT'S GOING TO STING ME!

Ghoulies and ghosties...and long-legged beasties...and creepers and crawlers... and scuttlers and slinkers... and sounds that go bump in the night. Funny stories about animals nobody loves... bees and wasps... spiders and ticks... chiggers and 'skeeters... snakes and skunks... help us face our fears and teach us a healthy respect for all animals. Good old fashioned family fun!



HAUNTED HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Costumed characters tell spooky stories about creepy critters that tingle the spine and tickle the funny bone! LIVE ANIMALS add to the excitement of The Headless Horseman, Wiley and the Hairy Man, Roger William's Bones, and The Haunted Forest. Perfect for everything from Halloween parties to campfire programs.

FUN FOR LITTLE ONES

Live animals, stories, songs, and games just right for preschoolers. The Itsy Bitsy Spider, There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly, I'm Being Swallowed by a Boa Constrictor, Herman the Worm, Elephants Child, Going on a Bear Hunt, The Other Day I Met a Bear, and Simon Says provide fun and excitement!!!

ANIMAL STORIES AND GAMES

Old fashioned fun and new fangled games for all you party animals. Wild and crazy animal stories like The Snake Bit Hoe Handle, and wacky party games like slithering snake, sleeping rattler, and fly catcher guarantee fun for everyone. And if that's not enough, there are, of course, live animals that are the star attractions of all C.R.I.CKET shows.

BEYOND BELIEF

Stories for Adults

It may be hard to believe, but storytelling is changing the world one person at a time. The little things we do every day make a difference. They have a ripple effect and help make the world a better place. Humorous and heart warming stories that tickle the funny bone and soothe the soul. Stories to entertain, enlighten, inspire, and uplift adults. **Free!**



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