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Dear Educator:

My name is Joan Leotta. I'm a professional story performer and writer new to this area. Since arriving, I have been selected as one of the featured tellers at the meeting of the North Carolina Storytellers Guild and have been a featured Regional Teller at the National Storytelling Association meeting and have entertained many local children in schools, libraries and at local museums.

Story performance and talks by writers are not a panacea for the ills that eat at the scholastic achievement of children today, but the art of story has, over time, been shown to be a proven instigator of heightened interest in reading and writing. The programs I present are aligned with state curriculum standards in language arts and some also meet criteria in social sciences and environmental science.

Over the years, feedback has assured me that children and families enjoy my high energy, participation stories. Teachers have commented that students who had never participated before were now coming forward - students who did not like reading were showing interest. I love working with audiences - children and adults - and seeing the sparkle in their eyes when they "catch" what I am doing or they help "make it happen" through their participation.

Among the most gratifying moments in my storytelling career are when teenagers come up and tell me how much they enjoyed and still remember a performance I gave for them, five or ten or even fifteen years earlier.

Please take a look at the many story performance, historic figure reenactments and writing programs described on this website. I am always willing to customize my work to your school's specific needs. I look forward to hearing from you.

Warmly,

Joan Leotta

Encouraging words through pen and performance