

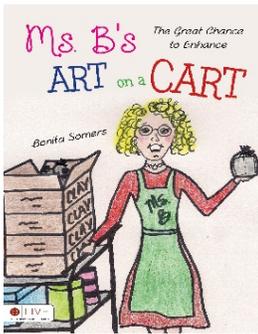
# Book a School Visit with the Author and Illustrator of the Ms. B's Art on a Cart Series.



## Something From Nothing #1

A 45 minute presentation for 1<sup>st</sup>--5<sup>th</sup> Grade (20-120 students)

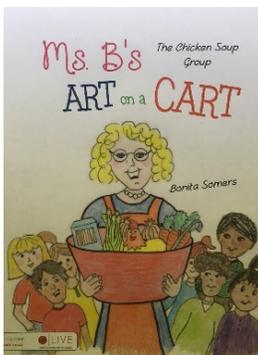
Topics in the presentation include central themes, comparisons, analogies, rhyming and rhyme schemes, multiple meaning words, the art elements, and historical connections with mosaics and mandalas. A colored pencil "Mandala of YOU" art lesson plan is provided to supplement the presentation. Modifications are made for grade level.



## The Great Chance to Enhance #2

A 45 minute presentation designed for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (20-120 students)

In this presentation the art elements as building blocks for any work of art are compared to using the building blocks of a great story: characters, setting, conflict, rising action, climax falling action and resolution. Multiple meaning words and clay building vocabulary are also covered. Ms. B's Story Organizer, lesson plan and prompts are provided to supplement the presentation.

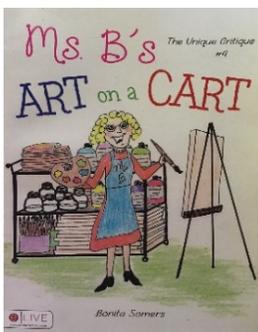


## The Chicken Soup Group #3

A 75 minute presentation designed for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (20-120 students)

Topics include strategies for working in a group or being part of a team: identifying tasks, expected behaviors, and being an effective group member.

A hands on group project is optionally included in this presentation. Media center tables or grouped desks are ideal to break into small groups.



## The Unique Critique #4

A 45 minute presentation designed for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (20-120 students)

Topics include a strategy for constructively critiquing artwork using the art elements and principles. This strategy is then related to other situations in a role play environment. For optimum results students need to bring a pencil and have access to a table, desk or clipboard.

### **All presentations/residencies include**

Power Point Presentation aligned with Common Core and NC Essential Standards.

Reading in character.

4 Media Center copies of your choice of Ms. B's Art on Cart books.

A basic bio and FAQ or prepared question time.

\$350 per presentation. \$50ea for additional presentations on the same day.

\$900 for a 3 day residency. (3 day residencies include #1, #2 and #4)

### **To book a visit please contact Bonita Somers at:**

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### **To make the most of your author visit:**

I will provide your school with a FREE PDF copy of one title. You may use the cover page of the book for **posters** to put up around the school.

Print and send home the **pre-order forms** a week before my visit. I will provide you with the template. All ordered books will be signed and passed out the day of the author visit.

Let your Language Arts and Art Teachers know that I am coming. Please have them **reinforce the applicable core curriculum concepts** that I will cover.

Please have all students **be prepared with questions**. (If they don't have any questions I will spend a few minutes on the most frequently asked questions.) Just for fun... see if your students can write their questions in a rhyming pattern!

Another fun idea is to have students **dress in a complementary color scheme** the day of the event... Just like Ms. B!

### **Here are some comments from my most recent author visits:**

"Thank you for inspiring us to create "something from nothing." We especially enjoyed the slide shows because we learned about your life and about the publishing process. We thought the way you read the book was fantastic. The rhyme made it fun." *Bascomb Elementary*

"We had fun yesterday learning about you and how you survived being "art on a cart." Your story inspired us to create "something from nothing." We especially liked how it rhymed." *Ms. Miller's 5th grade class*

"Bonita Somers was invited to read her book, Ms. B's Art on a Cart, to our after school program of kindergarteners through fifth graders. Her passion and interest in art was evident in her exciting storytelling delivery. Our children enjoyed her presentation as she incorporated art concept themes in her discussion. It was a great learning experience for our students and they had fun with her creative art activity at the conclusion of her presentation." *Carrie K. Neller, Waxhaw Elementary*

Students and teachers really enjoyed "Ms. B's" visit to our school. The students enjoyed learning about the publishing process, in addition to discussing "Art on a Cart." She is very professional and easy to work with in creating the best experience for our students. Becky Taylor, Media Coordinator, Kensington Elementary