Author Carol Brendler Visits Tate Woods

Carol Brendler, author of the book – Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer – visited Tate Woods School to kick off American Education Week on November 15th. Her book features the heroine Winnie who wants to enter her earthworms into a competition at the county fair. Her presentation included demonstrations about worm parts, worm foods, and stations where students were able to observe worm behavior. Second graders made a connection to their science unit entitled Rocks to Soil. Carol's book also includes directions for making worm farms. The students were reminded that November 15th – the date of the presentation – is also America Recycles Day.

On Tuesday November 16th, of American Education Week, Carol worked with second graders in creating stories in the classrooms. She explained her creative writing process; focusing upon interesting beginnings and conclusions.

Judy Bauman, Library Resource Center Director at Tate Woods, "I had been searching for local authors when I found that Carol had just recently moved back to Illinois from Canada. Her book has received outstanding reviews and is a favorite of our students. We were happy that she agreed to stay for two days to add a writing piece with individual classes to her program."

Carol Brendler: "I'd like kids to come away with the idea that even something as simple as a worm has an impact on our environment." Jay M. in Mrs. Remigio's class, "My favorite part of Monday was trying to find the worms. We voted to write about an elephant named Bob who lived in cheese! "

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