Teachers,

Thank you for your interest and invitation. It is an honor to have the opportunity to address your students. While I am a teacher, as well, I am still learning the craft. While I am an author, I feel myself improving each time I address my keyboard. I know the following list is basic at best, but it may assist you in preparing for or following my visit to your school.

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**Teaching Ideas to Accompany D. Ed. Hoggatt’s author visit**

1. How does an author add detail to an exciting scene? What is **“slow-motion writing”**, and how does it enhance the scene?

2. Why is it important to “know” the subject matter about which you are writing? How can one gather information? What part does **experience** play?

3. How do tense and point of view enhance a story? How does an author choose which tense and point of view to use?

4. How does an author improve his/her skills?

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**Subject Ideas to Accompany Out of the Wind**

1. Science: meteorology, tornados, storm safety

2. Social Studies: mapping the storm, assisting others, empathy, timeline of events

3. Mathematics: cost of cleanup, square/cubic footage of damage area and debris, number of volunteers

4. Communication: point of view, tense, characters, setting, plot

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