

Susan Hood will be our Guest Author this Spring!

Let's Keep the Susan Hood Excitement Rolling after Read Aloud Day!!!

Dear MES Parents,

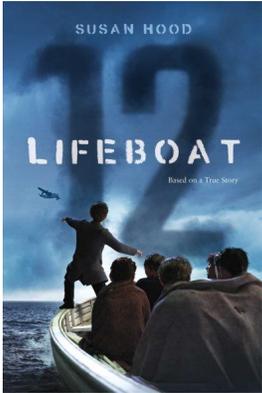
On May 14th we are very fortunate to have the award winning local author Susan Hood visit our students, thanks to the MES PTO and Region 14. She will share information with the students about her books, as well as, how she became an author. Additionally, she will talk about the writing process and discuss her illustrations. We were recently treated to a preview of her books during Read Across America Day. The Rotary generously paid for and gave each classroom, prek-5, a Susan Hood book as a classroom gift. So Exciting!

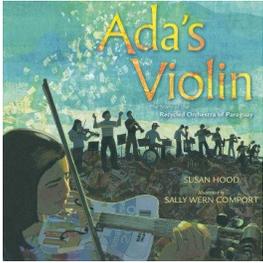
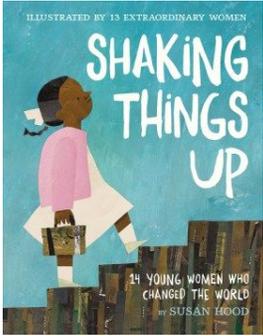
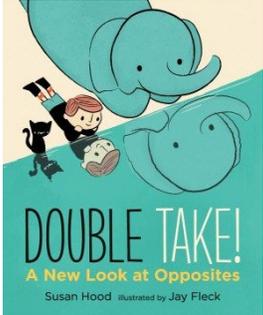
If you are interested in purchasing any of Susan Hood's books listed below for your child, please print and fill out the form below and return it to your child's teacher by **Tuesday, March 26th**. You can pay by cash or check (Make checks payable to Region 14). In the column marked personalize, you can write a message or just your child's name and Susan will use this information when she signs the book. The books will be given out after the author visit on May 14th.

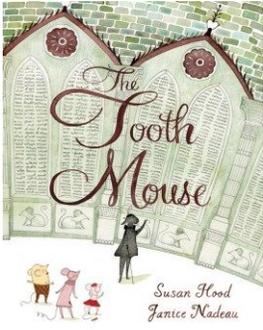
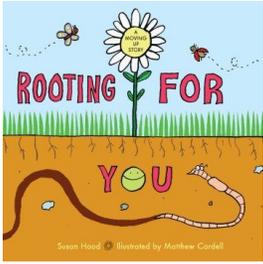
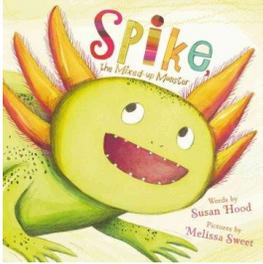
For more information please contact: bmauro@ctreg14.org, dbenedict@ctreg14.org, or smazzei@ctreg14.org

Student's Full Name: _____

Teacher/Grade: _____

Title	Description	Quantity	Price	Personalize
<p>LifeBoat 12</p> 	<p>This poignant novel told in verse is based on true events that tell the story of a boy's harrowing experience on a lifeboat after surviving a torpedo attack during World War II. With Nazis bombing London every night, it's time for thirteen-year-old Ken to escape. He suspects his stepmother is glad to see him go, but his dad says he's one of the lucky ones--one of ninety boys and girls to ship out aboard the SS City of Benares to safety in Canada. Life aboard the luxury ship is grand--nine-course meals, new friends, and a life far from the bombs, rations, and his stepmum's glare. And after five days at sea, the ship's officers announce that they're out of danger. Only to be in for the most terrify struggle for survival. <i>From Publisher</i></p>		<p>\$17.99</p>	

<p>Ada's Violin : The Story of</p> 	<p>The extraordinary true tale of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay, an orchestra made up of children playing instruments built from recycled trash</p> <p>Ada Rios grew up in Cateura, a small town in Paraguay built on a landfill. She dreamed of playing the violin, but with little money for anything but the bare essentials, it was never an option...until a music teacher named Favio Chavez arrived. He wanted to give the children of Cateura something special, so he made them instruments out of materials found in the trash. It was a crazy idea, but one that would leave Ada--and her town--forever changed. Now, the Recycled Orchestra plays venues around the world, spreading their message of hope and innovation. <i>From Publisher</i></p>		<p>\$ 17.99</p>	
<p>Shaking Things Up : 14</p> 	<p>In this book of poems, you will find Mary Anning, who was just thirteen when she unearthed a prehistoric fossil. You'll meet Ruby Bridges, the brave six year old who helped end segregation in the South. And Maya Lin, who at twenty-one won a competition to create a war memorial, and then had to appear before Congress to defend her right to create.</p> <p>And those are just a few of the young women included in this book. Readers will also hear about Molly Williams, Annette Kellerman, Nellie Bly, Pura Belprè, Frida Kahlo, Jacqueline and Eileen Nearne, Frances Moore Lappé, Mae Jemison, Angela Zhang, and Malala Yousafzai—all whose stories will enthrall and inspire.</p>		<p>\$ 18.99</p>	
<p>DoubleTake</p> 	<p>When it comes to opposites, it's all a matter of perspective! Lively text and fun retro art engage kids in the finer points of a favorite concept.</p> <p>Do you know opposites, yes or no? On. Off. Asleep. Awake. Opposites are a piece of cake ... right? Not so fast! Time for a quick double take. Who knows what's BIG unless there is SMALL? Does SHORT mean a thing except next to TALL? What is ABOVE and what is BELOW? The answer depends on who wants to know! Writer Susan Hood and illustrator Jay Fleck lead us on a topsy-turvy fun-house journey into the concept of opposites and takes it to the next level -- with detours into relative terms and points of view (and a dollop of yin and yang for good measure) <i>From Publisher</i></p>		<p>\$ 16.99</p>	

<p>The Tooth Mouse</p> 	<p>In this charming picture book written by Susan Hood, the Tooth Mouse (who replaces the Tooth Fairy in French-speaking countries) has called a meeting to announce her retirement. "I am not as spry as I used to be ... I have decided it is time to name my successor!" she tells the surprised crowd. Sophie, an energetic and very tiny mouse, desperately wants the job. "C'est moi!" Sophie thinks. "Choose me! Choose me!" But the position of Tooth Mouse — or La Petite Souris — isn't just given to anyone; it must be earned by participating in a difficult and dangerous three-part contest to determine which of all the mouse applicants is the most brave, honest and wise. Will Sophie, the smallest and daintiest of the aspirants, manage to beat the odds and win the challenging competition for her dream job? <i>From the Publisher</i></p>		<p>\$ 16.99</p>	
<p>Rooting For You : a Moving Up Story</p> 	<p>It's time for one little seed to come out of his shell. But he's afraid. It's a big world out there. There may be dangers! (Like monsters!) There are definitely obstacles. (Like rocks!) And while there's a good deal of uncertainty, he discovers that he has friends to help guide him on his way and root for him to have his day in the sun.</p>		<p>\$ 16.99</p>	
<p>Spike: The Mixed Up Monster</p> 	<p>Spike is a scary-looking salamander who keeps trying to frighten other animals—until he finds that using fear is not the best way to make friends. And since Spike lives in Mexico (he is an endangered species called the axolotl), this story is peppered with easy-to-understand Spanish words. In addition to a charming tale of friendship, this picture book contains nonfiction information about the axolotl and a Spanish/English glossary.</p>		<p>\$ 16.99</p>	