

RACHEL GREENING

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR (IF MY OAK
TREE COULD SPEAK)

SPEAKING SHEET

WHAT TO EXPECT

Rachel will enthusiastically read her picture book and lead students through a brainstorming exercise that will inspire them to create their own stories. This creative writing process will include core language concepts like nouns and verbs, while encouraging students to access their imaginations when asking the question *Why*. Questions are the catalyst to ingenuity. When we wonder, the learning process begins.



LARGER THEMES

Rachel's picture book, as well as her personal learning struggles, can offer students a new perspective in topics such as poetry, critical thinking, and overcoming personal learning setbacks. Rachel can tailor her talk to fit the needs of the group or theme of the lesson.

Testimonial:

"The book If My Oak Tree Could Speak is a valuable resource to any Kindergarten/ Grade 1 or 2 classroom. It stretches students' imagination and vocabulary in their oral language and writing skills through it's whimsical illustrations. Students visualize and imagine through their laughter and enjoyment of this text.

When Rachel joined our class the students were thrilled to have her share her book If My Oak Tree Could Speak. Rachel expertly navigated the nuances of childhood expressed by the children while drawing them to the imaginative values her book prompts. Rachel has a comfortable manner when engaging, addressing and conducting a young audience. The book remained a classroom center piece for us to enjoy after she left with relevant and quality follow up activities."

-Teacher from Milton, ON

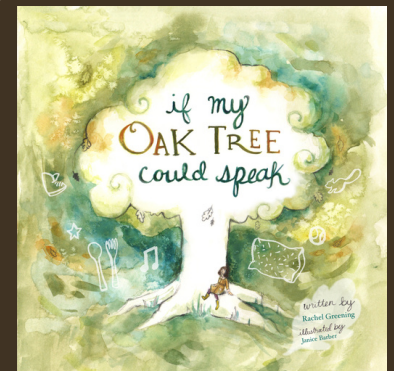
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