

Story Time With The Author

Little White Squirrel's Secret – A Special Place To Practice By Penny L. Hunt

This event for children includes:

- A discussion of what an author is.
- Favorite books and authors.
- Squirrel habitats and where white squirrels live (Brevard, North Carolina etc.)
- What squirrels like to eat, ending with the favorite "dessert" of white squirrels: Marshmallows! (A special treat for the children to enjoy).
- Reading of the story by the author.

After story discussion:

- How *we* feel when someone we know is “different” and does not fit in with everyone else.
- How *they* feel.
- Some of the things we can do to help *everyone* feel better about this difficult situation.
- Times when we have needed a special place to practice; and what was practiced there.
 - I share the personal story of having a terrible “lisp” when I was a child and how, with the help of a speech therapist, and lots of practice I was able to overcome my speech impediment and say all my “Sssssss” with no trouble!
 - We learn and recite a poem with lots and lots of “S’s” in it.

Story Time With The Author concludes with the singing of the Little White Squirrel song and dance after which the children are presented with a *complimentary copy** of *Little White Squirrel's Secret* which I sign for them.

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