

## Wizard of Words 2019-2020

John F. Kennedy School is pleased to announce that the PTSO Funded Wizard of Words is coming in April 2020 this year. Wizard of Words is a program designed to provide our students with the opportunity to meet and intimately converse with award-winning authors and illustrators. The children have the chance to hear directly from the authors about what inspires them to write; where they get their ideas for books; how they go about writing a book; and what it takes to get a book published. And, there's always time for Q&A!!

This year we are thrilled to welcome author/illustrator Douglas Florian. Douglas will be meeting with John F. Kennedy students on Tuesday, April 21st. **Douglas Florian**, has written and illustrated more than 50 books for children, including *How to Draw a Dragon*, *UnBEElievables*, *Poetrees*, and *Dinothesaurus*.

The PTSO is sponsoring a sale of Douglas Florian's books. You can provide your child with a lasting memory of this special event by purchasing one or more books and having the book(s) personalized for your child by Douglas Florian. Descriptions of the books being offered are provided in this handout and many of the books are available in the library for your review.

To place an order, please fill out the following order form (please use one order form per student) return it to the office along with cash or **one check per family** made out to JFK Elementary PTSO in an envelope marked "PTSO – Wizard of Words." Please place the cash/check and all order forms in the same envelope. **Orders must be returned no later than March 5, 2020. Due to ordering time constraints, late requests cannot be accommodated.**

Please use one order form per student. If your book is to be inscribed to more than one child, please indicate which student is to be presented with the book. If you have any questions, please contact Leyna Lillia at [leynalillia@gmail.com](mailto:leynalillia@gmail.com).

## **Douglas Florian**

### The Curious Cares of Bears

Join a family of bears as they have all kinds of fun throughout the seasons! From climbing up trees and stealing honey to giving bear hugs and lazing in lakes, these bears have many curious cares.

But when winter comes, it's time to hibernate. Can the cares of these bears wait until spring?

**Recommended 4-8 years old**

### Friends and Foes

There are all kinds of friends—good friends, bad friends, old friends, new friends...even imaginary friends! This humorous, heartfelt, and refreshingly honest collection of poems explores the many facets of friendship with Douglas Florian's signature sense of silliness and wit.

**Recommended 4-10 years old**

### How to Draw a Dragon

Get ready to meet dragons who love singing, cycling, playing musical instruments, and more—and learn to draw each one along the way. Then at the end there's a big surprise: a dragon-drawing art show for all!

**Recommended 4-8 years old**

### UnBEElievables: Honeybee Poems

Come inside the honeycomb—a busy, buzzy, bee-filled home—and learn about the unexpected wonders of these tiny insects' lifestyles, families, and communities. In fourteen funny, fact-filled honeybee poems and paintings, Douglas Florian explores the natural history of these often-unappreciated critters, revealing them to be a totally cool—and totally important—part of our ecosystem.

**Recommended 5-8 years old**

CHILD’S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD’S GRADE & TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title	Cover PB=paperback HC=hardcover	Price	Quantity	Total	One name for inscription
The Curious Cares of Bears	HC	\$13.00			
Friends and Foes	HC	\$13.00			
How to Draw a Dragon	HC	\$13.00			
UnBEElievables: Honeybee Poems	HC	\$13.00			

Totals # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please print a separate order form per child and cash/ONE check per family (all in the same envelope labeled “PTSO-Wizard of Words”).

Checks should be made out to: “JFK Elementary PTSO”

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