

Joke Book Writing Workshop: March 6, 2010

Here's the Plan...

- 1) **SIGN IN.** Helpers check names off of registration list and make nametags for the kids. Kids put on their nametags then take a seat on the carpet. Parents cannot stay for the program. They may pick up their children when the program ends at 3pm. Only registered kids can attend. If there are any open spots at 1:45, non-registered children may be able to fill in.
- 2) **STORYTIME.** Kids will sit on the carpet and listen to Jennifer read “Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?” and/or “Knock! Knock!” as well as tell a couple of jokes and explain what we are going to do. “Storytime” will start no later than 1:40. Helpers will assist with signing in and orienting stragglers. At 1:45, if there are less than 40 registered participants, non-registered participants up to 40 in number may join in the program.
- 3) **WRITING TIME.** Kids will sit at the tables and write their own joke books. Each kid gets one notebook, a pencil, and book title labels. (There are three title labels: “Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?” “Knock! Knock!” and “My Joke Book”.) They may decorate and illustrate their books with markers and other supplies found on the supply table. They may also use joke library books to copy down jokes and get ideas. They will get about an hour to write. Jennifer will give a ten-minute warning when everyone should start cleaning up. Helpers interact with the kids, help with grammar, spelling and ideas when needed, read aloud some jokes, and help get the kids motivated to make their books. Helpers may also choose to make their own books as a way of demonstrating if they wish (as long as supplies permit).
- 4) **GOOD-BYE!** Kids take home their books and can check out any joke library books that they are interested in. Before leaving the room, we will hand out copies of the last writing newsletter as well as contact information forms. Parents can fill out a contact information form if they're interested in receiving writing newsletters and finding out about future events.