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Books and Related Resources

Jake and the Migration of the Monarch, *Katherine's Quilt Made for Dreaming*, and *Sing With Me Brennan – Our Carolina Moon* received the highest rating by the National Center for the Study of Children's Literature and strong endorsements from former U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley. Their accompanying teaching resources received the National Award of Excellence by Teachers' Corner. The State Department of Education chose *Jake and the Migration of the Monarch* for its Reading First and for its annual professional development program Hands-On-Minds-On.

The purchase price for each book is \$18.95. The price includes a musical CD and story reading, and downloadable, standards-based teaching resources. To view these resources in depth, please visit www.monarchpublishers.com.

Schools may be eligible to receive a \$5,000 book grant for a writing residency five days or longer, or take advantage of the grant to buy one book get one book free of charge.

Please feel free to personally contact Dr. O'Connor about her author's residency fees. Dr. O'Connor is more than happy to help develop a program that best suits your school's educational needs.

"I encourage you, too, to bring this professional to your school district. Her interactive presentation captures every child in the room. I have never seen students so engaged." Patsy Grimes, Coordinator of Language Arts, ESOL, and Induction, School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties



The Instructor

Dr. O'Connor is a registered artist in the South Carolina Arts Commission Artist in Residence Program. This author/educator is in demand for her outstanding school performances, which include staff development and weaving together literature and the arts to the delight of children and adults! Dr. O'Connor is a highly regarded educator presenting at conferences including SCASL, SCIRA, SCATA, SC2, Upstate Writers Program, Hands-on Minds-on Edventure Science Center, and South Carolina Teachers of English. Her mission is to help children preserve and protect the gifts of family, literacy and nature. She received her PhD from the Peabody Teacher's College at Vanderbilt University. She is serving her third term on the Greenville County School Board, advocating for early childhood literacy, student achievement for diverse learners, and arts in the curriculum. Dr. O'Connor may be reached at 864-979-8554 or Crystal@MonarchPublishers.com.



Above: Dr. O'Connor incorporates role-playing into her read aloud of *Jake and the Migration of the Monarch*.

Right: Not just the students, but also the entire school is actively engaged when Dr. O'Connor visits for an author's residency.



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