

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Poet Florian's Whimsical Rhymes Wow Mariemont Students**

November 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>, poet and illustrator Douglas Florian entertained and inspired Mariemont City School elementary students. Florian caught and kept students' interests with his clever, comical rhyming reflections on everything from coyotes to comets.

Young writers and artists from kindergarten through sixth grade at Fairfax Elementary, Mariemont Elementary and Terrace Park Elementary were treated to Florian's recitation of some of his favorite works and heard about what inspires him in his writing.

Florian has written and illustrated over thirty children's books of poetry and has received the Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Awards and an ALA Notable Children's Book Award.

Florian-inspired banners were displayed across the district heralding his visit with messages such as "Enjoyin' Florian" and "We Dig Doug". At Terrace Park Elementary students held a Florian Fair where each class' own original, Florian-esque works lined the gym walls.

Douglas Florian's presentations in these schools were part of an ongoing Author Visit Program sponsored by Mariemont City Schools and its PTA/PTOs.

*Photos:*

*FXFlorian – Children's poet Douglas Florian read and signed 3<sup>rd</sup> grader Claire Wilkins own poetry journal at Fairfax Elementary*

*MEFlorian – At Mariemont Elementary, Douglas Florian ignited students' imaginations with readings of several of his whimsical poetry selections.*

*TPFlorian – At Terrace Park Elementary, the students held a Florian Fair where they shared their original poetry and artwork with the author and their fellow students.*

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