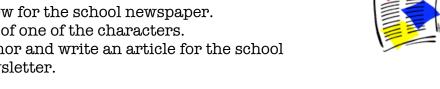


Lee Wardlaw's Suggested Author Visit Activities

- 1. Create a welcome banner or mural. Illustrate scenes from the author's books or use other reading themes.
- If the author is staying for lunch, have younger children make placemats using rectangles of construction paper. Illustrate scenes from the author's books or use reading themes; then cover the placemats with contact paper.
- Decorate classroom calendars with characters or scenes from the author's books. Divide the calendar into thirds: The top features a drawing connected to the story; the middle, a written explanation; the bottom contains the month with numbering.
- Make posters or maps using ideas or the setting from the author's books to decorate the classroom, library or school hallways.
- 5. Make dioramas with an attached synopsis of the story or scene depicted.
- Write or perform interviews between a main character and a newsperson.
- 7. Write a book review for the school newspaper.
- Write an obituary of one of the characters.
- Interview the author and write an article for the school newspaper or newsletter.





- 10. Write autobiographies from the viewpoint of the main characters.
- 11. Illustrate a time line of the story's plot.
- 12. Make a mobile of a book's plot outline.
- 13. Write a poem using the name of a favorite character from the author's book as the beginning letter of each line.
- 14. Write a poem from the viewpoint of one of the author's characters.
- 15. Record an oral history from the viewpoint of one of the characters.
- 16. Write entries in the main character's diary or journal.





16. Write a play or create a reader's theatre presentation of the book. Present the program to other students or parents.

- 17. Design a new book cover.
- 18. Write a sequel or the first chapter of a sequel.
- 19. Create alphabet books. Example: A is for the Ash: all that was left of Corey's house after the fire. B is for Black: the color of the burnt hills. C is for Corey: the main character in the book. D is for Depressed: how Corey felt when her cat died, etc.



20. Make papier mache figures featuring characters from the book.



- 21. Write a eulogy for a favorite character and deliver it to the class.
 - 22. Research the visiting author in **Something About the Author** and other biographical sources. Think of questions about her professional and personal life that you'd like her to answer.
- 23. Create an activity that carries the book into another subject of study. For example, use We All Scream for Ice Cream in a science lesson by making five-minute ice cream. Or mummify a chicken (using the recipe in 101 Ways to Bug Your Teacher) for an Egyptian history unit project.

