

Brian Richard's Teacher Suggestions

Dear Faculty Member,

Please feel free to adapt, adopt and modify any or all of the ideas below in an effort to integrate into your classroom the concepts covered in the assembly program today. I also welcome any additional ideas that might help future teachers. Please e-mail suggestions to: magic@4aceproductions.com

Read Aloud – Choose one or more of the books from the program to read to your class.

Paper Bag Book Report – Have students choose a book from the program or a book on one of the topics we covered in the program and give a paper bag book report on it. A paper bag book report is where students take a paper bag and gather 4–6 items that depict key events or characters from their chosen book. The bag can then be decorated to fit the theme as well. During the presentation the students will tell how each item relates to the book.

Book Ideas – Have the students brain storm other book that were NOT used in the program but could have been because they are similar in some way.

School Reporter/Letter Writing – Have students write questions they might ask Brian Richards if they were interviewing him for a school newspaper. Choose the best 5–10 questions and send them to me with a cover letter. You can then have the students mail the letter to me (please, one letter/interview per class or per grade not per child!). My address is: 4700 – 91st Crescent; Brooklyn Park, MN. 55443. If you include a return address I will answer the interview and return the letter to your class!

Collaboration Projects – Ask students to design a book cover (Art & Reading). What about some research into the Dewey Decimal System and what other classification systems are out there (Math and Books).