***Getting Ready for a Mini Virtual Visit with Author* Amy E. Sklansky**

Here are some tips that will help ensure you get the most out of our 15 minutes together:

**CONNECT:** via agreed-upon platform. Note: I am comfortable with multiple platforms. If you are initiating the connection, please send the link the *day before* our visit or sooner.

**FORMAT:**

I introduce myself.

I read THESE LITTLE PIGGIES GO TO THE BEACH (or a different,

requested title) and show a piece of art.

I take questions and possibly read from some of my other books.

**Q&A:**  I love answering questions. This interactive part of the visit is most successful when students have *thought about questions in advance*. Sometimes the teacher reads questions students have submitted. Other times teachers call on students to ask questions. I leave the specifics up to you. If you would rather *not* do an interactive Q&A, I have a “Top 10 List of Questions” I can draw upon.

This is the only **DON’T**: Please do NOT record our session\*. I have not given permission for you to do this. This is a live, interactive experience. Make sure your platform settings are set accordingly. (\*In circumstances such as when classes are be taught over two days or students are absent, I do allow recording on a closed platform, *but* I ask that it be deleted within 1 week of our visit.)

**2 REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Share copy of at least one of my books. Students should be familiar with this *in advance* of my visit.
2. In exchange for my time, please send me a photo of our virtual visit that I can post to my author website or social media. If you do not have photo permission from your students, I have several “work around” suggestions that will respect their privacy yet still document the experience. Don’t hesitate to ask for ideas.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

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