



## LESTER'S SPEAKING TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Author's Craft
- Children's Literature
- Emergent Literacy
- Literature Circles
- Memoir
- Read Aloud
- Reading
- Using Children's Literature in the Writing Workshop
- Writing Workshop

## Lester Laminack

Lester L. Laminack is a retired professor from the department of Birth-Kindergarten, Elementary and Middle Grades Education, at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina where he taught graduate and undergraduate courses in literacy education. He is the recipient of two awards for excellence in teaching at WCU, the Botner Superior Teaching Award and the Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award. Lester is an active member of the National Council of Teachers of English and served three years as co-editor of the NCTE journal *Primary Voices*. He also served as a teaching editor for the magazine *Teaching K-8* and wrote the Parent Connection column (2000-2002). He is currently editor of the Children's Book Review Department of the NCTE journal *Language Arts*. He is a former member of the Whole Language Umbrella Governing Board, former member of the Governing Board and Secretary of the North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children, and a former member of the Board of Directors for the Center for the Expansion of Language and Thinking. He served as the Basic Reading Consultant to Literacy Volunteers of America from 1987 through 2001.

His academic publications include several books, as well as articles published in journals such as *The Reading Teacher*, *Science and Children*, *Language Arts*, *Primary Voices*, and *Young Children*. Lester is also the author of multiple children's books, such as: *The Sunsets of Miss Olivia Wiggins*, *Trevor's Wiggly-Wobbly Tooth*, *Saturdays and Tea Cakes*, *Jake's 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School*, and the most recent publication, *Three Hens and a Peacock* all of which are published by Peachtree Publishers, Ltd. Lester is currently pursuing his writing and research interests, as well as consulting on a full time basis.

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## Books by Lester Laminack

- *Climb Inside a Poem*, Heinemann, 2007
- *Reading Aloud Across the Curriculum*, Heinemann, 2006
- *Learning Under the Influence of Language and Literature*, Heinemann, 2006
- *The Writing Workshop: Working Through the Hard Parts (And They're All Hard Parts)*, NCTE, 2001

## Books by Lester Laminack (continued)

- *Volunteers Working with Young Readers*, NCTE, 1998
- *Spelling in Use: Looking Closely at Spelling in Whole Language Classrooms*, NCTE, 1996
- *Learning with Zachary*, Scholastic, 1991
- *Reading with Children*, Literacy Volunteers of America, 1989
- *TUTOR: A Collaborative Approach to Literacy Instruction*, Literacy Volunteers of America, 1989

## Testimonials

*"Wonderful, Wonderful presenter. Teachers were spellbound, inspired and pleased! Read aloud time has increased exponentially."*

—Souderton, PA

*"Lester has has a very positive impact on our writing program."*

—Carlisle, MA