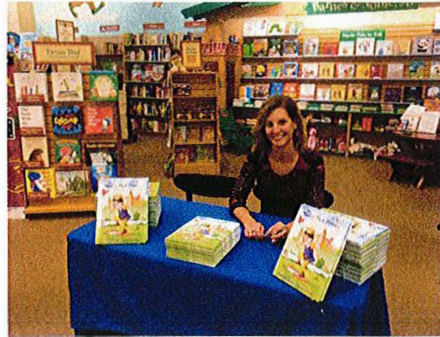


Local Author Alicia Murphy visited St. Thomas the Apostle Today



This morning, St. Thomas welcomed Alicia Murphy, author of *The Muddy Foot Prince* and *Bear Hugs and Sock Bugs: A Collection of Wacky and Wonderful Poems for Kids*. She shared her books and experiences as an author, and spoke to our children about reading, writing, and believing in their dreams!

If you would like to purchase Alicia's books, she will personalize and sign them. If ordering, please complete the information below and return to your child's teacher by Friday, May 5. Thank you! Alicia was thrilled to be invited to our school!

Student's Name _____

Teacher _____

The Muddy Foot Prince -- \$12 _____ Qty. _____

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Bear Hugs and Sock Bugs -- \$10 _____ Qty. _____

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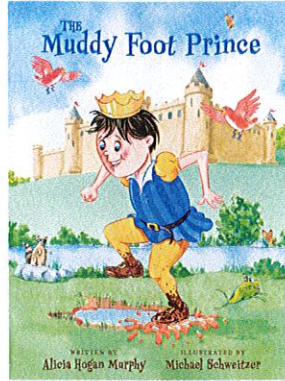
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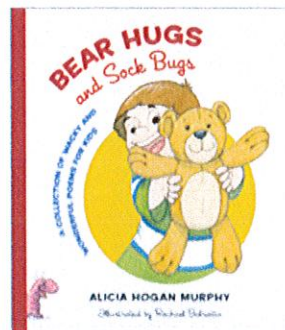
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The Muddy Foot Prince

As parents and educators, we often try to teach children life lessons, only to find that in the process, they have taught us a lesson as well! Whimsical, and touching, *The Muddy Foot Prince* proves to be a relatable story for parents, educators, and children of all ages.

This is a royal tale of Prince Oliver James Huntington IV, who loves to explore nature, splash in puddles, and get dirty, just like any young boy. The problem? He's a prince! He's supposed to play quiet, refined games. He's told to keep his good clothes clean and his royal bedroom tidy. Constantly in trouble for getting into mischief, the prince decides to venture out on his own. Things don't exactly turn out as he planned ... But Prince Oliver isn't the only one to learn an important lesson!



Bear Hugs and Sock Bugs: A Collection of Wacky and Wonderful Poems for Kids

It may be a new age, surrounded by new technology, but our core values still remain the same— we want our kids to be happy and healthy. As our kids are bombarded by messages from all sides that can wreak havoc on their young self-esteem, it is refreshing to address these struggles head- on in an honest and funny way they can relate to. This book will help parents and educators support their kids, encouraging them to read and laugh together, at the same time!

In the feel-good spirit of *Free To Be You and Me* and *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, there is a new, fresh voice on the scene sending our youngest generation messages of encouragement, strong self-esteem, the importance of YOU, and that kindness matters. Enhanced by the adorable and comical art of Rachael Balsaitis, this poetry collection is destined to become a favorite for generations to come!