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The award winning children's author, Grandma Janet Mary Sinke, accompanied by illustrator Craig Pennington, visited Western Avenue School in Flossmoor School District 161 Wednesday, May 12.

In honor of her visit, a dramatization of her book "Priscilla McDoodleNutDoodle Asks Why" was presented to the entire school by the Lesa Waishwell's second grade class featuring fifth grade students Annika List and Natalie White.

The performance was repeated for parents and family members of the Western Avenue School community the same evening during Family Reading Night.

Although she won her first writing award in the fourth grade, and wrote for her high school paper, the author admits to being a "silent writer" until a few years ago. While working as a hospice nurse in Michigan, she received a medical diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease, which she now considers the beginning of her journey as an author.

Janet Mary Sinke is well known for writing about her own experiences of childhood, her children, and the special relationship between children and their grandparents. Her awards include: the Benjamin Franklin Award, Mom's Choice Award, and a Bronze Award in the Picture Book Category.