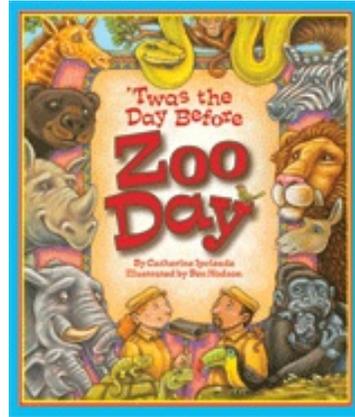


# Schedule a School Visit with California Children's Author Catherine Ipcizade!

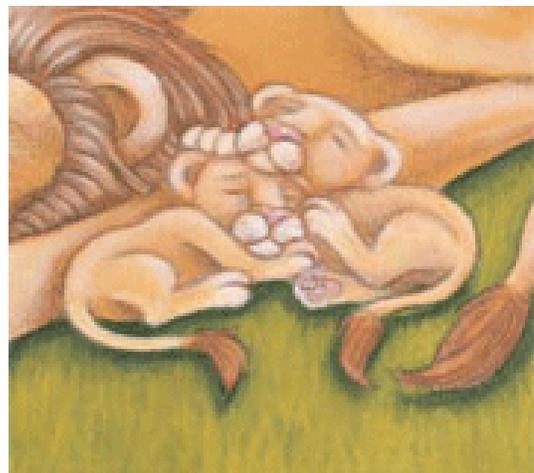


**'Twas the Day Before Zoo Day**, an adaptation of the children's classic, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, takes readers to the zoo, as preparations are underway for "Zoo Day." But things aren't going according to plan... the llamas won't quit spitting, the giraffes are drooling, and the zebras aren't happy at all with their stripes. Meanwhile, the zookeepers scurry this way and that, clean up poop, ring mealtime bells and try to get the animals bathed. But are the naughty elephants listening? Not a chance! And if that weren't bad enough, a poor alligator mistakes a bee for a fly and gets stung in the eye! Does it all work out? Will the zookeepers end up spending the night at the zoo? Will "Zoo Day" go off without a hitch?

**Catherine Ipcizade** (pronounced *ip-chi-zah-deh*) has written for numerous publications, both in print and online, and also works as an assistant editor for *Thirteen Minutes Magazine*. Catherine is a member of SCBWI and volunteers for The Little Owl Mentoring Program, a program that pairs published writers with high school students who wish to be writers. She has also written *African Animals: Giraffes*; *African Animals: Lions*; and *African Animals: Zebras*. Catherine and her family live in southern California.

## Where did the idea for **'Twas the Day Before Zoo Day** originate?

"I wrote the story mainly because of my son. He was entering kindergarten and wanted desperately to learn everything he could about animals. But, at the age of five, he also needed to be entertained. When I searched for books about animals, I found two things – strictly non-fiction and fiction. Finding books that provided animal facts in a fun way proved much harder than I anticipated. So I wrote **'Twas the Day Before Zoo Day** to do both. Hopefully, kids will agree."



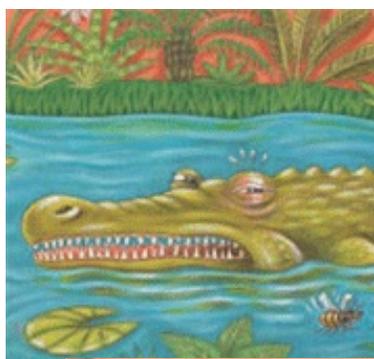
## Not only is Catherine's book fun, it's educational, too!

The back of each Sylvan Dell book features a "[For Creative Minds](#)" section:

### 'Twas the Day Before Zoo Day

- Adaptation Matching Activity
- Animal Fun Facts
- All About Zoo Keepers
- Creative Sparks: Imagine that you are a zoo keeper!

Additional Online Resources include: Cross-curricular [Teaching Activities](#), [English/Spanish eBooks](#), [Audiobooks](#), child-friendly [Related Websites](#), Comprehension & Math [Quizzes](#). Aligned to [national and state curriculum Standards](#), and AR & Reading Counts Quizzes.

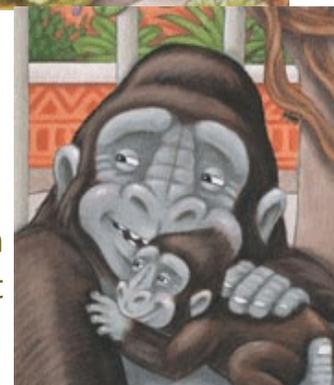


"Hang on for a ride, parents. This book is a 'giggler,' and you'll have to fight to keep from laughing out loud while you're reading it . . . 'Twas the Day Before Zoo Day is destined to be a child's favorite with the comical telling of the story and the fun illustrations." – Andrea Sisco,

*Armchair Interviews*



"The illustrations are delightful and the Creative Minds section in the back of the book offers matching activities, fun animal facts, information about zoo keepers and more. A great gift for that special child on your gift list." -*The Journal of the American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc.*



### Visit Details and Rates:

For more information, or to schedule a visit with Catherine, please contact her at [Catherinelpczade@yahoo.com](mailto:Catherinelpczade@yahoo.com) or visit her website at [www.Catherinelpczade.com](http://www.Catherinelpczade.com)

### How To Schedule:

1. Coordinate with other classes (or schools or libraries), and decide what day works best.
2. Contact author directly to schedule date, time and details.  
Email Catherine at [catherinepczade@yahoo.com](mailto:catherinepczade@yahoo.com).
3. Send letter home to parents announcing the author visit and offering them the opportunity to order autographed books for their children. (Form letter enclosed!)
4. Preorder books and coordinate book sales with author.

Dear Parents,

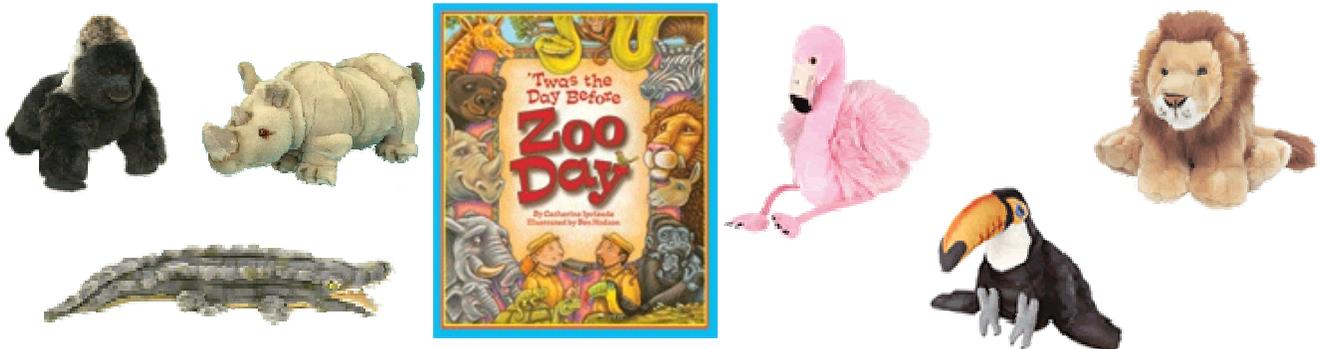
We are excited to announce that children’s author Catherine Ipcizade (*’Twas the Day Before Zoo Day*) will be visiting our school on \_\_\_\_\_ to meet our students, talk about her book and lead the classroom(s) in fun, educational discussions and activities! To purchase a copy of her book so that your child can receive an autograph and remember this special day, please fill out and return the attached order form by \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,

**Yes! I would like to help my child remember  
Catherine’s school visit!**

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Personalize Autograph To: \_\_\_\_\_



Title		Retail Price	School Fair Price	Quantity	Total
<i>’Twas the Day Before Zoo Day</i>	Hardcover	\$16.95			
	Paperback	\$8.95			
Plush 8” Gorilla		\$11.60			
Plush 12” Toucan		\$21.75			
Plush 12” Lion		\$21.75			
Plush 12” Flamingo Africana		\$21.75			
Plush 24” Alligator		\$13.80			
Plush 13” Rhino		\$15.95			
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Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_