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Author gets hands-on at ICS
Linda Stanek shares 'The Pig and Miss Prudence'

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PORT CLINTON -- Connie Snyder likes to bring sources of inspiration to her creative writing class that make students more creative.

Sometimes, another author can spark their imaginations, said Snyder a teacher at Immaculate Conception School.

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So Snyder brought Columbus-area children's author Linda K. Stanek to share her upcoming book, "The Pig and Miss Prudence," a fictional story based on historical New York.

"My whole philosophy is the more you read the better you'll write," Snyder said. "I like the way she is hands-on with the kids."

With the help of students using props, she read her book. Afterward, she had a different workshop with each age group -- construction-paper pigs with preschoolers, kindergartners and first-graders, developing settings with second- and third-

graders and building characters with fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders.

"It's a new experience for most of the kids," Snyder said. "The kids were really excited about meeting her."

Stanek's book, her first, is expected to arrive in stores next summer 2007. She also has published short stories in "Highlights" children's magazine and written for non-profit groups.

Her fictional stories are often based around a historic event or time period, and she is working on a non-fiction children's book about the development of blimps.

An 1850s New York Times editorial about pigs and cattle in New York helped inspire "The Pig and Miss Prudence," a story of a woman who attempts to shoo away a pig but instead is whisked away on its back.

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"There was a terrible problem with people letting their livestock in the streets," she said. "I thought, for an urban child today, that would be really unusual."

She has a degree in elementary education, but she became a writer while she was a stay-at-home mom. Her children inspired her to write a novel, which was too long to be published, for them.

Since then, she has made writing a career.

"I love the idea that I can create any world I want, and anything can happen in that world," she said.

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Amelia Morrow, left, consults with Jake Kokinda while Emily Reineck concentrates on her writing Thursday at Immaculate Conception Elementary School in Port Clinton. The students are creating the setting for their own stories. Author Linda K. Stanek of Dublin visited the school and challenged the students' writing skills.

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