Visit Reflection: “Lea started her day at Warsaw with a school assembly. She spoke to the students about the writing process, comparing it to a puzzle. Writers focus on a part at a time until the puzzle is complete. She then met with two groups of sixth grade students. She discussed her book THE FINEST KIND that the students were reading. She also brought with her artifacts from the time period from which the story was set. The students appreciated seeing the antique fly swatter and holding the heavy cookware that the characters in the story would have used. She then brought the same artifacts to a presentation for the seventh graders, who were also reading her book. Students from both grades were also given the opportunity to hear how she conducts her research.

Teachers had an opportunity to meet privately with Lea Wait. This meeting was scheduled to help guide their instruction through the remainder of her book and the upcoming research that students would be completing for their own Maine projects. The teachers greatly appreciated the opportunity to speak to the author and ask questions about her craft.”

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