

## **A Little Bucket Review by Nancy Praver, Oak Park Elem.**

Jeffrey Bates, local Cocoa, FL author of The Little Bucket, was the invited guest speaker for forty 3rd – 6th grade aspiring writers at Oak Park Elementary School's Wonderful Writers end of the year event in May. This program was a culminating celebration for those students selected by their classroom teachers who demonstrated outstanding writing throughout the past school year.

Mr. Bates shared his book utilizing a marvelously entertaining Power Point show to make the illustrations of his story come alive for his audience. He did not read his story; he *told* his story and mesmerized the entire crowd of both students and adults. Mr. Bates' presentation included a wonderful song that also captivated his onlookers as well as a great question and answer session. The message in Mr. Bates' story was well received by our students and I know that they all enjoyed the opportunity to individually talk to Mr. Bates as they received their own autographed copy of The Little Bucket, purchased by Oak Park's PTO.

I can whole-heartedly recommend Mr. Jeffrey Bates for an *author visit* to your school. Your students will love him and the message he brings in his presentation of The Little Bucket is truly inspirational and should not be missed!

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