

Local Author Visits SFdS Students

Local author Ellen Leventhal visited with students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Ms. Leventhal is the co-author of the book *Don't Eat the Bluebonnets*, which features Sue Ellen, a sassy cow. In the book, Sue Ellen must solve the problem of bringing the bluebonnets back to her favorite pasture after eating all of the flowers the previous year, despite the warning from Max, the longhorn. Ms. Leventhal and her co-author, Ellen Rothberg, are hoping to spread Sue Ellen's message about respect for nature. Neither author is a native Texan, but both have lived in Texas for several years. While teaching elementary school, they discovered a mutual love of writing for children, and began their collaboration. The two women have co-authored several children's books.

During the presentation, Ms. Leventhal read her book and discussed appreciation for the environment. Afterward, the students offered helpful suggestions on what they could do to protect nature and asked several interesting questions about being an author. At the end of the hour, as an expression of gratitude for sharing her time, Ms. Leventhal was presented with a picture of all the students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade.



Back row (left to right):
Monze Luna, Ms. Leventhal,
PJ Chambers. Front row
(left to right): Hannah Ducay,
Christina Ramirez, Eleni
Kaiser, Evan Benavides.