

# Doreen Cronin as Our Mentor

Doreen Cronin uses the following ingredients in her *Diary of a Spider/Worm/Fly Books*

## **BEGINNING:**

An idea to use: *Diary of a Spider* and *Diary of a Worm* start by telling three things about the animal: two facts and then something funny.

## **ENDINGS:**

- Three things I don't like about being a \_\_\_\_ and three things I like about being a \_\_\_\_.
- Three things I scare and three things that scare me.

## **POSSIBLE ENTRIES**

- In school, learning how to do something
  - Spider learned how to catch the wind.
  - Worm made macaroni necklaces.
- Something funny/strange happening in school
  - Spider brought his skin in for show and tell.
  - Worm forgot lunch, ate his homework, and got in trouble.
- Facing a danger
  - Spider with vacuum
  - Worms dug deeper during fishing season.
- Teaching a different animal/insect how to do something
  - Worm taught Spider how to dig.
  - Spider taught Worm how to walk upside down.
- A fun time
  - Spider and sister at the park
  - Worm at school dance
- Family happenings
  - Worm was mean to his sister, mom not happy
  - Spider's grandpa blew away to France.
- Getting together with friends
  - Fly went to Spider's house and got stuck in a web.
  - Spider slept over at Worm's house and hoped they didn't serve rotten leaves again.
  - Worm and Spider got into a fight because spider said you need legs to be cool.

## **OTHER ENTRY IDEAS**

- Today was my birthday, so \_\_\_\_ decided I was old enough to know the secret to a long, happy life: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Having a nightmare or going through a change (Spider molts skin)
- Learning a lesson (Grandpa teaches Worm good manners)