



## Dr. Lester Laminack

### ***"When Books Become Best Friends: One Book/Many Visits"***

EXPLORE THE POTENTIAL OF REVISITING A SMALL COLLECTION OF CAREFULLY SELECTED BOOKS THROUGH FOCUSED READ ALOUD EXPERIENCES. IMAGINE SLOWING DOWN TO EXPLORE BOOKS IN LAYERS, ONE LAYER AT A TIME WITH A CLEAR FOCUS FOR EACH READ ALOUD EXPERIENCE. LESTER WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH THE POTENTIAL OF A FEW PICTURE BOOKS TO DEMONSTRATE WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH NUMEROUS WELL-LOVED BOOKS FROM YOUR OWN CLASSROOM LIBRARY.

[www.lesterlaminack.com](http://www.lesterlaminack.com)

Lester L. Laminack is Professor Emeritus at Western Carolina University where he received the Botner Superior Teaching Award and the Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award; a writer and consultant working with schools throughout the United States; and an active member of the National Council of Teachers of English. He served three years as co-editor of the NCTE journal Primary Voices and as editor of the Children's Book Review Department of the NCTE journal Language Arts (2003-2006). He also served as a teaching editor for the magazine Teaching K-8 and wrote the Parent Connection column (2000-2002). Dr. Laminack is a former member of the Whole Language Umbrella Governing Board, a former member of the Governing Board and Secretary of the North Carolina Association

for the Education of Young Children, and a former member of the Board of Directors for the Center for the Expansion of Language and Thinking. He served as the Basic Reading Consultant to Literacy Volunteers of America from 1987 through 2001. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Our Children's Place [[www.ourchildrensplace.com](http://www.ourchildrensplace.com)].

Dr. Laminack's publications include The Ultimate Read-Aloud Resource, Writers are Readers, Learning with Zachary, Spelling in Use, Volunteers Working with Young Readers, the Writing Workshop: Working Through the Hard Parts, Learning Under the Influence of Language and Literature, Reading Aloud Across the Curriculum, Cracking Open the Author's Craft, and Unwrapping the Read Aloud. In addition he has several articles published in journals such as The Reading Teacher, Early Years, Science and Children, Language Arts, Teaching pre-K/8, Primary Voices, and Young Children. Lester is also the author of six children's books: The Sunsets of Miss Olivia Wiggins, Trevor's Wiggly-Wobbly Tooth, Saturdays and Tea Cakes, Jake's 100th Day of School, Snow Day! and most recently, Three Hens and a Peacock.

**Thursday, April 6**  
**4:30 pm to 7:30 pm**  
**\*Boxed Dinner Provided**  
**Cleary Hall at St. John Fisher College**

**Register by April 3rd**

- RALC Member Fee: \$25
- Non-member Fee: \$40
- Student Fee: \$15
- Walk-in Fee: \$50

**Dr. Lester Laminack presents, "When Books Become Best Friends"**  
**Return by April 3rd**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ District/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Payment  Check  Pay at the Door  District Purchase Order  
(Checks made out to RALC)

Return this form to Karen Speciale - 600 Pardee Road, Rochester, NY 14609  
[karen\\_speciale@eastiron.monroe.edu](mailto:karen_speciale@eastiron.monroe.edu)