

Ridge School Grades K-2 Welcomes GREG PIZZOLI

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Greg Pizzoli is an author, illustrator and screen printer from Philadelphia, PA.

His first picture book, *The Watermelon Seed*, was published by Disney Hyperion Books in 2013 and won the 2014 ALA Theodor Seuss Geisel Award. Mr. Pizzoli's work has been featured in Communication

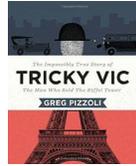
Arts, 3x3 Illustration Annuals and he's won two Portfolio Honor Awards from the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. His screenprinted works have been exhibited in the United States, Canada, Spain and The Netherlands. His hand-printed artist books are in various collections throughout the country, including The Rare Book Department of the Free Library of Philadelphia.

After college, Greg spent two years as a full-time volunteer in AmeriCORPS from 2005-2006. In 2009, he received his MFA from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, where he now teaches.

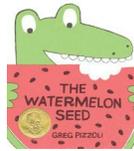
An author visit is a wonderful opportunity to make literature come alive for children. Please consider purchasing an autographed book.

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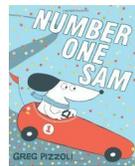
ABOUT THE BOOKS



In the early 1900s, Robert Miller, a.k.a. "Count Victor Lustig," moved to Paris hoping to be an artist. A *con* artist, that is. He used his ingenious scams on unsuspecting marks all over the world, from the Czech Republic, to Atlantic ocean liners, and across America. Tricky Vic pulled off his most daring con in 1925, when he managed to "sell" the Eiffel Tower to one of the city's most successful scrap metal dealers! Six weeks later, he tried to sell the Eiffel Tower all over again. Vic was never caught. For that particular scam, anyway. . . .



With perfect comic pacing, Greg Pizzoli introduces us to one funny crocodile who has one big fear: swallowing a watermelon seed. What will he do when his greatest fear is realized? Will vines sprout out his ears? Will his skin turn pink? This crocodile has a wild imagination that kids will love.



Sam is used to winning everything, including car racing, his sport of choice. His wall of trophies and trinkets show off his talent for success until the day the unthinkable happens: the pup loses the big race because he stops for a group of oblivious chickens in the middle of the track. Then his cheering friends and the chickens let him know that he is still number one with them. Children will be able to relate to Sam's disappointment when he loses while also understanding the concept that winning isn't always everything.



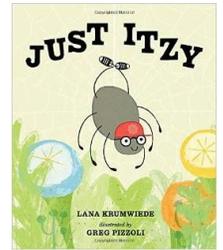
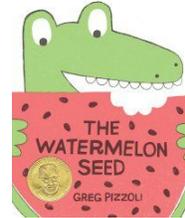
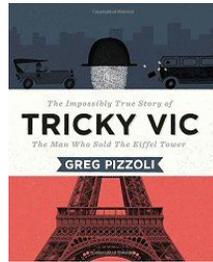
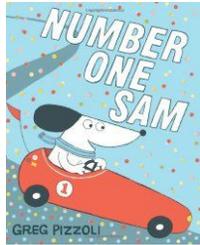
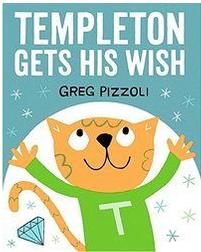
Templeton the cat doesn't like his parents telling him to clean up, and he *really* doesn't like when his brothers steal his toys. So, he makes a wish on a magic diamond, and his family disappears! At first, Templeton is over the moon. He's free to lounge and play all day, and he never has to take a bath. But being alone might not always be as fun as he'd thought. Will another wish on the magic diamond get Templeton what he really wants?



Itzy the spider is tired of being called "Itzy Bitzy." On his first day of spindergarten, Itzy decides to prove to everyone that he's a big spider by catching his own lunch. But spinning a web is hard work, and every time Itzy gets close to catching a fly, something gets in the way?—whether it's a girl sitting on a tuffet, an old lady swallowing everything in sight, or a dangerous waterspout. Will Itzy ever get a chance to prove himself and shake his pesky nickname? Illustrated in bold vignettes by Geisel Award winner Greg Pizzoli.

Greg Pizzoli Order Form

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TITLE	PRICE	QTY	COST	Autograph only (X)	Autograph & Personalize (Print Student's First Name)
<i>Tricky Vic: the Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower</i> (Hardcover)	\$18				
<i>The Watermelon Seed</i> (Hardcover)	\$17				
<i>Number One Sam</i> (Hardcover)	\$17				
<i>Templeton Gets His Wish</i> (Hardcover)	\$17				
<i>Just Itzy</i> (Hardcover)	\$16				
TOTAL	~				

Please make checks payable to the *Ridge HSA*.

Please return forms/checks to your child's teacher by Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

Any questions, please contact Michele Eng or Brenda Bankos in the Library at 201/670-2740, ext. 54525.

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Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

