**2015-2016 Enrichment Programs**

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**2nd Grade:**  **SongSpun**, Brian Chevalier –Being a valuable member of a team is an important key to success. To help kids learn how to be a positive member of a team, Brian facilitates a workshop program that focuses on team building skills. This workshop has been proven to be very successful in many environments throughout the Capital Region of New York as well as in Long Island, Vermont, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut elementary and middle schools. Through varying tasks, children learn about group dynamics, how everyone has their own unique strengths and most importantly how to work through the inevitable differences that are encountered when dealing with people’s differing personalities.   *November 2015*

**3rd Grade:**  **Star Labs**, Musuem of Science Traveling Program  In this presentation, students are challenged to make observations and think like scientists both inside and outside our portable planetarium. They explore how stars are different from one another and learn to recognize star patterns in the sky from cultures around the world. In an immersive activity, students use binoculars to better understand how we learn about the cosmos. *September 2015*

**4th Grade: not yet determined which program this year**

**All Grades:**  **Author Cynthia Lord**, Cynthia Lord is a former elementary and middle school teacher whose debut novel, Rules, won a Newbery Honor Award and a Schneider Family Book Award.  Cindy begins her school presentation by showing a story she wrote at the age of six. “No one would read this and say, ‘Now there’s a future Newbery Honor author,’ would they?” she asks students. “That’s because writers are made, not born.”

She goes on to explain the four things that helped her become a writer, and she takes students through the writing process—from idea to published book.  Each presentation is tailored toward the grade Cynthia is presenting to. *October 2015*