



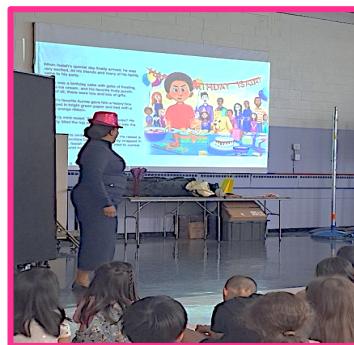
MORE ABOUT A VISIT WITH “DR. VALERIE”



Dr. Valerie Williams-Sanchez is the creator of the self-published children’s book series, the Cocoa Kids Collection® and a passionate advocate for multicultural literature, self-publishing, and empowerment literacy for readers of all ages. She is Mom to Lorena, Auntie to Isaiah, and teacher to countless young readers, including at-risk and special needs kids. Dr. Valerie’s work, writing, and literacy [research](#) are ground in cultural, education/reading, and health literacies, and are trauma-informed, cognitive behavioral interventions.

Valorena Learning programs, include: *Author’s Talk*; Reading and Book Signing; *The Emotion Commotion Workshop*, as well as The Emotion Commotion Workshop – COVID Edition, a COVID-informed, Social-Emotional Reading Program (SERP). All programs are designed for kids, ages 6-8, their families, and parents/caregivers.

- To learn more, visit the websites: VWilliamsSanchez.org, and CocoaKidsCollectionBooks.com
- To schedule a reading for your school, visit: <https://calendly.com/valorenaonline/30min>



From left: An event promo flyer; shown with Ft. Lee #3 PTA Moms; and with students.



Dr. Valerie’s Credentials

Teaching Experience

All ages: K-12, college, and “at-risk” students, residents of therapeutic RTCs – 10+ yrs.

Micro:

- Child Psychology – Stanford Medicine, Children’s Health, 2025
- Public Health – Cornell University, 2024

Macro:

- PhD, Literacy – St. John’s University, 2021
- MS – Columbia University, 1994
- BS – University of California, Berkeley, 1992

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