



Cultivating & Realizing Everyone's Ability To Excel

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About the CREATE Everyday Geniuses Workshops...

CREATE Everyday Geniuses workshops are based on the children's book series by acclaimed author, Barbara Esham, "The Adventures of Everyday Geniuses." The focus of the workshops are to help children understand that "smart" comes in many different forms, and that we all excel in different ways. The CREATE workshops are geared for one class of 20-30 students, targeted for primary grade levels, 50 minutes in length, and completely facilitated by the CREATE team. During the workshops children will be engaged in group discussion, participate in brainstorming activities, and some grade levels will also listen to a reading of one the books from the series.

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"Everyday Geniuses" Workshop

Who is a "genius"? What does "smart" mean? Through the activities in this workshop, children will learn the answers to these questions. Children will discover that even famous pop culture figures from past and present experienced difficulty with learning. Also, with the help of props, children will get to meet some "Everyday Geniuses" and learn about their successes and struggles. Children will then define the meaning of "genius" and learn about the different types of geniuses that exist. Next, students work in groups with the assistance of the CREATE team to identify their unique strengths and their "inner genius". Then the CREATE team will read a book from "The Adventures of Everyday Geniuses" book series. Children will walk away understanding their own unique abilities and how they are "Everyday Geniuses"!

"You Can be an Author Too" Workshop

Have your students ever wondered what it takes to be an author? **Nationally acclaimed** author Barbara Esham takes children on a journey from start to finish revealing how she developed her book series "The Adventures of Everyday Geniuses". Barbara starts the workshop by reading "Stacey Coolidge's Fancy Smancy Handwriting" and discussing that the important part of writing is your thoughts, words, and ideas, not your handwriting. She also shows original manuscripts of famous writers that had difficulty with their handwriting just like the character in the book. In break-out groups, children can see the various stages of her book from sketches to original storyboard to final illustrations. At the end, children will start their very own story board and share their creative stories and ideas with their class.

"Celebrate Your Style" Workshop

This workshop builds upon the concepts learned in the "Everyday Geniuses" workshop. Through activities, children recognize that everyone has different learning styles and processes information in different ways. Children will learn the descriptors of the three main learning styles: Listeners, Lookers, and Movers. The students will move around to different modes with the use of magnetic statements about everyday activities to identify their predominant mode. Children will walk away understanding how they personally learn best and how to use their strengths when tackling school work or problem solving.

About The Adventures of Everyday Geniuses Book Series

The Adventures of Everyday Geniuses book series is dedicated to exposing the broader definition of learning, creativity, and intelligence in a child friendly format. The series, written by Barbara Esham, has received national accolades including the Parents' Choice Award, feature on the American Library Booklist, and are included on the Reading Rockets Recommended Readings. The series continues to receive glowing endorsements from all of the top learning experts, including New York Times Best Seller author Dr. Edward Hallowell. To read Dr. Hallowell's note to Parents and Teachers, learning expert endorsements, professional and parent reviews, or additional resources, please visit www.MainstreamConnections.org.

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