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Recommended Reading

Different Styles, Different Children

None of us look just the same and we each have our own special interests. That's true of how we learn, too. Everyone has their own style and things that they do particularly well. As children prepare to go to school, it's a good time to remember there are various ways of learning, that achievements are wide-ranging, and that learning takes place at different rates. On the pages of these books, meet memorable characters with special ways of learning and dealing with school.

If You're So Smart, How Come You Can't Spell Mississippi?

By: Barbara Esham

Illustrated by: Mike and Carl Gordon

Age Level: 6-9

Katie is keen observer and a curious third grader. So when her dad explains why he finds spelling difficult, Katie wants to investigate. She learns that her very intelligent dad, a lawyer, has dyslexia — probably like a couple of Katie's classmates. Expressive line and wash illustrations enhance the engaging, illuminating story. Part of *The Adventures of Everyday Geniuses* series.

Last to Finish: A Story About the Smartest Boy in Math Class

By: Barbara Esham

Illustrated by: Mike and Carl Gordon

Age Level: 6-9

Max's hopes of becoming an engineer seem unattainable as Max's brain freezes every time he takes a timed math fact test and is teased by the other children. That is until it's discovered that Max understands how math works but just has trouble with memorization. A satisfying resolution does not involve a timer! Part of *The Adventures of Everyday Geniuses* series.

Mrs. Gorski, I Think I Have the Wiggle Fidgets

By: Barbara Esham

Illustrated by: Mike and Carl Gordon

Age Level: 6-9

David's teacher asks for a parent conference when David's behavior distracts the rest of the class. David, however, comes up with his own wiggle fidget cures that he shares at the meeting, combining creativity and practicality that just may help others with the wiggle fidgets. Part of *The Adventures of Everyday Geniuses* series.

Stacey Coolidge's Fancy-Smancy Cursive Handwriting

By: Barbara Esham

Illustrated by: Mike and Carl Gordon

Age Level: 6-9

Try as she might, second grader Carolyn struggles with cursive. A wise teacher, however, helps the child recognize that her imagination and creative writing are her strengths, just like some other famous writers. Real problems and frustrations are presented with a light touch in this engaging book. Part of *The Adventures of Everyday Geniuses* series.