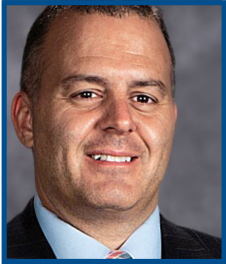


BOOK REVIEW:



When You Wonder, You're Learning *Mister Rogers' Enduring Lessons for Raising Creative, Curious, Caring Kids*

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As a high school principal, I am always on the lookout for books that can inspire and engage students. *When You Wonder, You're Learning* by Gregg Behr and Ryan Rydzewski is one such book. This engaging and thought-provoking book presents a fresh perspective on learning and encourages readers to wonder and explore the world around them.

The authors begin the book by emphasizing the importance of curiosity and wonder in learning. They argue that a sense of wonder is the foundation of all learning, and

that children are natural explorers who constantly ask questions and seek to understand the world around them. The authors then go on to provide practical tips and strategies for parents and educators to foster curiosity and wonder in children.

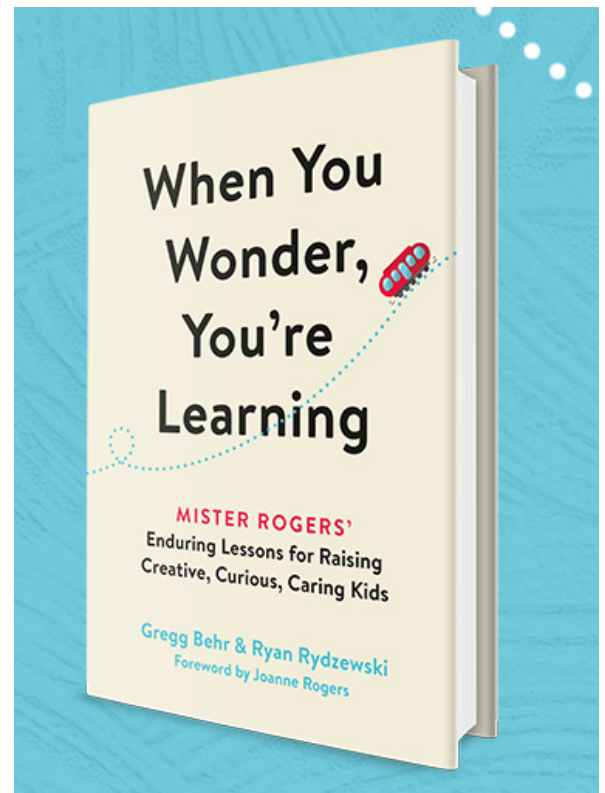
One of the strengths of this book is the way it presents concrete examples of how children can learn through wonder and exploration. The authors describe how children can learn about science through activities like collecting rocks, observing insects, and experimenting with materials. They also provide examples of how children can learn about history, geography, and other subjects through hands-on activities like cooking, art projects and field trips.

Another strength of this book is its emphasis on the importance of play and imagination in learning. The authors argue that play is not just a form of entertainment, but is actually a critical component of children's cognitive, social, and emotional development. They encourage parents and educators to provide children with opportunities for unstructured play and imaginative exploration, and to support children's natural inclination to create and invent.

Overall, *When You Wonder, You're Learning* is an excellent book that offers a fresh perspective on learning and provides practical strategies for fostering curiosity, wonder and exploration in children. I would highly recommend this book to parents, educators and anyone who is interested in promoting lifelong learning and creativity.

One minor critique of the book is that it could benefit from more specific examples of how these strategies can be applied in high school settings. While the book is primarily geared toward parents and educators of younger children, I believe that many of the principles and strategies outlined in the book could be adapted for older students as well.

In conclusion, *When You Wonder, You're Learning* is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to inspire children to learn and explore the world around them. It is a well-written and engaging book that provides practical advice and strategies for fostering curiosity, wonder and creativity in children. I would highly recommend this book to parents and educators alike, and I believe that it has the potential to make a significant impact on the way we approach education and learning.



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