



# #BrightFutures

A new day is an opportunity to make a new connection!

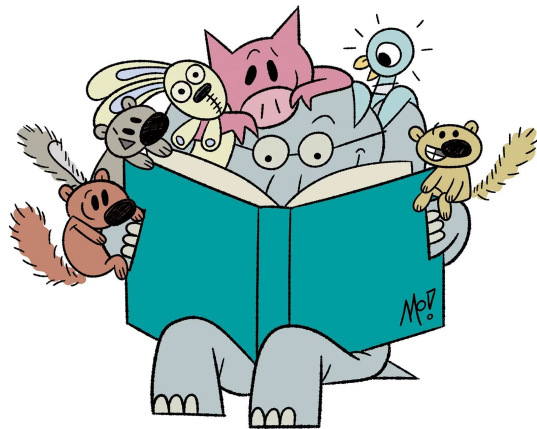
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***“Make kindness your daily modus operandi and change your world.” - Annie Lennox***

**Mo Willems on the Lost Art of Being Silly: The author of *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive The Bus!* chats with us about creativity, drawing as empathy, and letting kids “do 51% of the work.” By Emily Kaplan**

## Entry Plan Highlights

Last week I had two opportunities to be with students. On Tuesday I was able to spend quite a bit of time in grade 6 classrooms. It was great to see our oldest students engaged in their work. I was impressed with how eager they were to share their learning with me. While at HES I stopped by music class, percussion practice, and PE. As a former drum player (not great... but I enjoyed it) it was fun to listen to them practice. PE left me wanting to run away and join the circus! The stilt walking looked very fun. I also got a chance to be in the STEAM room and check out



the work of our scientist. The highlight of my week was being the mystery reader in Mrs. Costa's class on Friday. We read three Elephant and Piggie Books. My family is a big Mo Willems fan. Feel free to invite me to your class to engage in any activities. Anarelis is your best bet to schedule me to come be a part of the fun! Staff, please fill out the survey included in the email for this issue. Families will get a different survey in a few weeks. This week Genny Heffernan will be starting as our HR Specialist. Please wish her a warm welcome!

**Professional Development Corner! The 10 Minute Teacher Podcast is a popular podcast for educators. In this episode, Four Ways to Build Relationships That Matter, teacher Chuck Poole shares how he builds relationships with his students.**



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