

GENIUS HOUR

in the primary grades

HOW TO BEGIN

★ GO FROM LARGE GROUPS WITH COMMON INTERESTS TO SMALLER, MORE FOCUSED GROUPS

★ START A WONDER WALL USING BULLETIN SPACE

★ LEAD WITH A PICTURE BOOK THAT TALKS ABOUT PASSION-BASED LEARNING

SUPPORTS

★ USE BUDDIES FROM AN OLDER GRADE LEVEL OR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

★ PARTNER WITH YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

★ USE ROTATIONS SO ONLY SOME STUDENTS ARE WORKING ON THEIR PROJECTS AT A GIVEN TIME

QUESTIONING

★ FOR BEGINNING READERS/Writers, DON'T INSIST ON WRITING DETAILED RESEARCH QUESTIONS

★ DIFFERENTIATE FOR ADVANCED STUDENTS USING BLOOMS TAXONOMY

★ GIVE STUDENTS QUESTION STEMS

RESEARCH

★ USE QR CODES TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH THE RESEARCH PROCESS

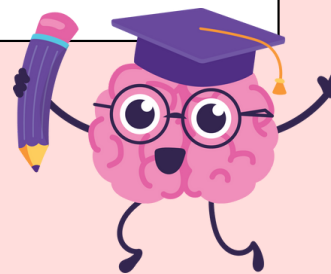
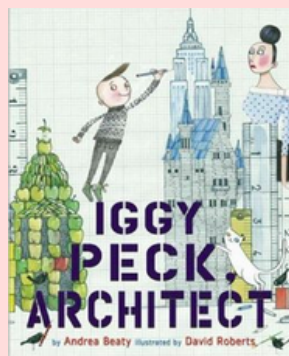
★ USE TOOLS LIKE IMMERSIVE READER OR AUDIO BOOKS

★ LIMIT TO ONE BASIC TOPIC (LIKE COUNTRIES) FOR WHICH YOU HAVE SEVERAL BOOK ACROSS DIFFERENT READING LEVELS

PRESENTING

★ MODEL A DIGITAL TOOL THAT IS AGE APPROPRIATE SUCH AS BOOK CREATOR

★ GROUP TOGETHER STUDENTS WHO WANT TO DO THE SAME TYPE OF PRESENTATION, SUCH AS A VIDEO, AND GIVE A MINI LESSON



"It's a time when you get to learn or make whatever you want to."