



KEPTA Brown Bag Sessions

This Week's Topic: "Malala's Magic Pencil" by Malala Yousafzai

Imagine a Better World - What would YOU do with a Magic Pencil?

Watch the ["Malala's Magic Pencil" Read Aloud](#)

*'When Malala was a child in Pakistan, she wished for a magic pencil.
She would use it to...*

*...draw a lock on her door to keep her brothers out.
...stop time so she could sleep an extra hour every morning.
...erase the smell of the rubbish dump near her home.*

*But as Malala grew, her world changed and so did her wishes. Her right to
attend school was threatened - just because she was a girl. Instead of a
magic pencil, Malala picked up a real one.'*

(Yousafzi, Malala (2017) Malala's Magic Pencil, London:Puffin Books)

Malala wrote this picture book to share her story, but also to inspire other kids to dream of a better world. She saw a world that needed fixing. "I hope that children who read this book will realize they can also find their magic....it might be in their voice, in their writing and in their art." Malala said in an [interview](#).

Introduction:

Click the link for an introduction to the activity, hosted by some fellow Kenmore Cubs

<https://youtu.be/6gi3LIVtwUM>

Activity:

Malala used her pencil and her voice to make the world a better place. How would you change the world with a magic pencil and your voice?

Draw or create your magic pencil. What would you erase? What would you draw to make your community a better place?



STEAM Activity: Design your own inclusive school!

This book's theme is **Access to Education**. Let's all take a moment to be grateful for the privilege we have to learn at Kenmore Elementary. In some parts of the world, there are children who are not able to attend school. This might be because of money, safety or other barriers that keep children home from school each day. Specifically, girls lack access to education in many areas around the globe.

STEAM ACTIVITY: What would your dream school look like? How would you make sure all students feel welcome? Is it 30 stories high or designed in a circle? Maybe instead of stairs there are ramps and bridges? Is nature a part of your design? Perhaps the cafeteria has food from all over the world? The possibilities are endless! Have fun.

First sketch your ideas. Then create your inclusive school with paper, pens, cardboard, blocks or any other materials you have around your home.