

Verbal AUTISM Collaborates with Enochs High School Students for Innovative Children's Book, "Sylvester's First Friend"

New children's book for Autism Awareness Month, created by kids for kids, represents nonspeaking children on the Autism Spectrum.

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[/EINPresswire.com/](https://EINPresswire.com/) -- "Sylvester's First Friend," a pioneering children's book,

marks a significant achievement in literature, born from a unique collaboration between Amir Arami, founder of [Verbal AUTISM](#), and a group of talented students from [Enochs High School's](#) Software and Development Internship Program led by Amy Pezzoni. This partnership has brought to life a compelling story that is set to inspire and educate children across the globe.



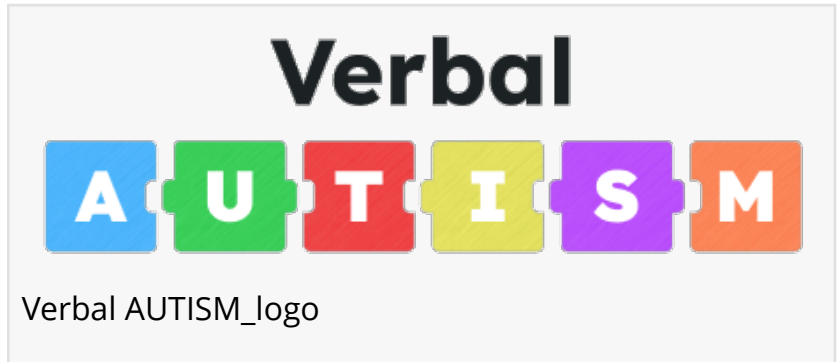
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Amir Arami, Founder and CEO of the Verbal AUTISM

Amir Arami conceived the original story, drawing from his profound insights into autism and communication. His vision was then enriched and transformed through the creativity and innovation of Enochs High School students Grace Dixon, Jesus Resendiz, Kenshin Covero, and Gabriel Martinez. Together, they refined the narrative and illustrations, infusing the book with diverse perspectives and a deeper understanding of friendship and empathy.

Amir Arami states, "Working with Ms. Pezzoni and the students at Enochs High School has been an incredibly rewarding experience. The students' creativity, enthusiasm, and fresh perspectives have breathed life into 'Sylvester's First Friend,' making it a relatable and educational read for children everywhere. This collaboration is a testament to the power of combining passion and experience with new ideas to create something truly special."

"Sylvester's First Friend" explores the journey of Sylvester, a nonverbal kindergartener on the Autism Spectrum, and his burgeoning friendship with Wally, providing a dual perspective that is

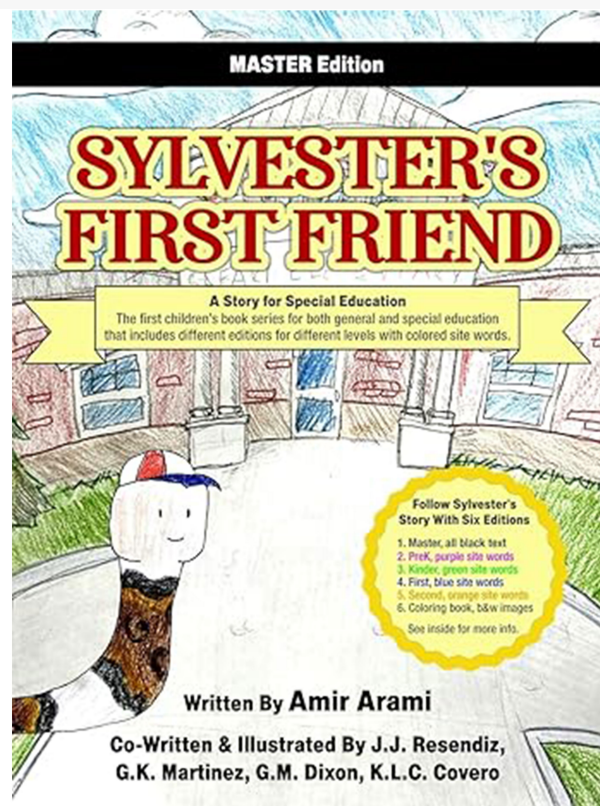


engaging and enhances the reader's comprehension of neurotypical and neurodivergent students. This approach not only makes the story more relatable but also serves as an educational tool that fosters inclusivity and understanding among its young audience.

The involvement of students in the development and illustration of the book underscores the importance of integrating real-world experiences into educational settings, empowering students to contribute meaningfully to society. This collaborative effort exemplifies how creative partnerships can result in works that educate, inspire, and resonate with readers. "Our students invariably bring their insight, passion, and unique worldview to the work they produce. Being able to give back to the community while building skills for their own future is an incredibly meaningful experience," says Pezzoni.

With five additional versions due to release this year, "Sylvester's First Friend" caters to different ability levels, demonstrating a commitment to accessibility and educational value and ensuring that the book is a resource that grows with its readers.

This book is a testament to the power of collaboration between experienced professionals like Amir Arami and the fresh, innovative perspectives of students. Enochs High School's participation in this project highlights the incredible potential of student-led initiatives in creating impactful, meaningful work.



Sylvester's First Friend



Enochs High School's Software and Development Internship Program led by Amy Pezzoni

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