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Students indulge in creativity during author visit

Award-winning children's book author Michele McAvoy visited with the children of Spectrum 360 in Verona, a school for children on the autism spectrum and with behavioral and related disabilities.

McAvoy shared her latest picture book, "The Gorilla Picked Me!" – a story of a little girl named Olive who felt ordinary until one day she is picked from the crowd by the dancing gorilla. In that moment, Olive realizes that she is not ordinary but, indeed, special.

During her visit, Michele not only shared her book but brought out the kids' creativity. The students made their own ice cream stick puppets, shared the puppets with pride in front of their peers, talked about their favorite colors and shared the name of their puppet creation.

