

Collaboration between:

AIA MN, Architecture in the Schools Committee &
Success Beyond the Classroom

Success Beyond the Classroom (SBC) provides programs which allow students from various metro area districts celebrate their creative potential outside of the classroom. This January marked SBC's 17th Annual Student Creativity Festival, which was held at the Ted Mann Concert Hall on the U of M Campus. The festival was two days and consisted of nearly 875 third and fourth graders that explored the topic of creativity with talented professionals from the Arts and Sciences.

This was the first year in which AIA MN and The Architecture in the Schools (AIS) Committee collaborated with SBC for this event. We were thrilled to receive this opportunity to introduce and promote Architecture to such an eager group of students. Various AIS volunteers presented the Spaces + Places, Everyday Landmarks Workbook to a group of 30 students over six different sessions, and totaling nearly 200 students throughout the two day festival. We introduced Architectural concepts and language; as well as the fundamentals of plan, section, and elevation drawing. They were asked to create their own Landmark for their city or neighborhood, and took their workbooks home to reinforce what they had learned.

The feedback from the students was wonderful and showed their enthusiasm and interest in the program. Here are just a few of the comments we received when the students were asked: I Discovered...

- *If you are an Architect, your hand gets tired*
- *How to draw a building in different points of view to help build it*
- *That Architecture is fun!*
- *New ways to become a better planner and builder*