



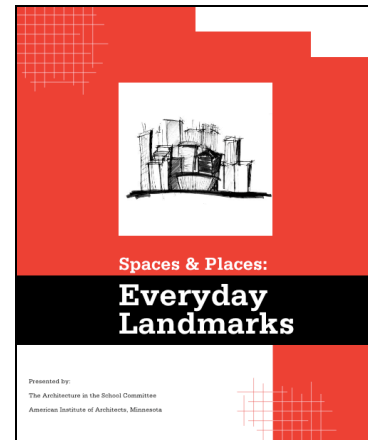
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*Cover of Spaces & Places: Everyday Landmarks, A Workbook by the Architecture in the Schools Committee*



## Minnesota Fifth-Graders Learn About Spaces and Places May 7-11

*Minneapolis, Minnesota* – The Architecture in the Schools Committee of the American Institute of Architects Minnesota (AIA Minnesota), is hosting Architecture in the Schools Week, a program targeting fifth-grade classrooms in Minnesota. Students will learn about the importance of architecture and its impact on every day life during Architecture in the Schools Week, May 7-11, 2007.

The Committee is utilizing the 150th Anniversary of AIA National as an opportunity to have 150 architects to volunteer in Minnesota schools. Each architect will walk a classroom of students through various hands-on activities in a workbook created by the Committee. A building's potential to clean the environment and architectural designs fostering stronger communities are just two of the many lessons students will learn. At the end of the program, each student will have designed a landmark for his or her community or school.

“This is a great opportunity to educate young students about the duties and responsibilities of an architect,” says Architecture in the Schools Committee Co-Chair Marie Parish. “Architecture in the Schools Week also play a role in promoting career opportunities for students from a broad range of socio-economic backgrounds. Our consistent curriculum will give all students a chance to discover artistic design, mathematic scale and observe of the world around them.”

For more information about Architecture in the Schools Week, please contact Shannon Lavin, AIA Minnesota, Architecture in the Schools Committee Liaison at [lavin@aia-mn.org](mailto:lavin@aia-mn.org) or 612-338-6763. More information can be found at [www.aia-mn.org/committees/architecture\\_in\\_the\\_schools.cfm](http://www.aia-mn.org/committees/architecture_in_the_schools.cfm).

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