

Yolonda's Genius by Carol Fenner

GENIUS Fill in the squares so each row, column, and 6-square section has the letters G-E-N-I-U-S.

Yolonda, in 5th grade, is street smart, people smart, and big city smart. A lot of people think her little brother is mentally slow, but Yolonda says Andrew's music ability shows genius. She doesn't recognize talents in herself, and their mother can't see genius in Andrew. Sometimes it's hard to recognize gifts in oneself or one's family. What are your gifts? Which ones are recognized by your family? What are some gifts of others in your family? How can these gifts work together to enrich all of you?

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MUSIC Fill in the squares so each row, column, and 5-square section has the letters M-U-S-I-C.

Andrew "talks" almost exclusively with his harmonica. He can make sounds that say words or give pictures of people, feelings, and places. When he realizes he needs to learn to read and speak in order to learn music, he is motivated at school for the first time. What makes you want to learn? Explain what keeps you interested in your school subjects?