

Pre_school and Elementary School Presentations

For younger children (pre-K – 2nd grade)

Come Join the Rainbow Parade!

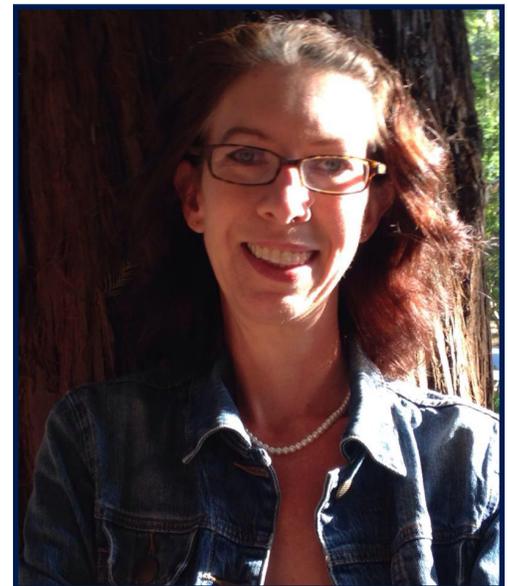
In this program, Gayle Pitman uses storytelling, songs, dance, and verses to share the experience of a Pride celebration with children. Children will even have the opportunity to participate in their own Pride parade! This is a great program to offer during LGBT History Month (October) or LGBT Pride Month (June), and it helps schools comply with the California FAIR Education Act.

There's A Cat in Our Class! Teaching Diversity to Young Children

There's a new student coming to Miss Biscuit's class! The dogs are so excited to meet their new classmate. But the dogs are surprised to find out that the new student is . . . a cat! In this program, Gayle Pitman reads *There's a Cat in Our Class!* to the children, then leads a series of playful activities that teach children about what helps others feel included, and what kinds of things may make others feel less welcome. This is a good program to offer at any time of year, and can help efforts to create more culturally responsive educational spaces.

Rainbow Storytime

In this presentation, Gayle reads from her own picture book, *This Day in June*, as well as from other books that reflect the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) experience. Books to be read may include *And Tango Makes Three*, *I Am Jazz*, *Heather Has Two Mommies*, *Red, Call Me Tree*, *Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress*, and *Stella Brings the Family*. She combines reading with songs, verses, and discussion points to bring a greater awareness to children about LGBT people. This is a great program to offer during LGBT History Month (October) or LGBT Pride Month (June), and it helps schools comply with the California FAIR Education Act.



The Meaning of Pride

For older children (grades 3-6)

Why are LGBT Pride parades typically held in June? What's the meaning behind the rainbow flag and the pink triangle? In this presentation, Gayle explains the historical and cultural meaning behind the various things typically seen at Pride celebrations, and she shows how Pride can be a window into a better understanding of LGBT history. This is a great program to offer during LGBT History Month (October) or LGBT Pride Month (June), and it helps schools comply with the California FAIR Education Act.

