**Language Arts – If I Built a School – Reader Response**

The author, Chris Van Dusen, has written books about using our imagination to create something amazing. You have probably heard or read at least one of his books: *If I Built a Car*, *If I Built a House*, and *If I Built a School*.

Today, we are going to listen to his third book in this series, *If I Built a School*. If you have not read or heard this book yet, **STOP**, don’t read it yet.

Before you hear about his plans for creating an amazing school, I want you to make your own plans.

Imagine that you have been asked to design a school. It is going to be your dream school. Let your imagination go wild. What would your school look like? What would you have in your school?

Draw pictures and/or floor plans to show your ideas. You could include:

* Dream classroom
* Dream school – inside – we have a gym, a music room, an art room and a dance room at our school - what other types of rooms would you have?
* Dream school – outside – design the ultimate playground.

Once you have finished your designs, listen to Chris Van Dusen’s book, [*If I Built a School*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQFDyHmf9Bo). Did he have some of the same ideas that you did?