STEM stars who learn and think differently





Jack Horner

This paleontologist found the first dinosaur eggs in the Western Hemisphere. Reading and writing are still hard for him, but he had fun helping make **Jurassic Park**.

Carol Greider

This molecular biologist won a Nobel Prize. But as a kid, she thought she was "stupid" because she needed special classes to learn to spell and sound out words.

Temple Grandin

This animal behavior expert comes up with ways to keep animals calm. Her sensory processing issues helped her invent a hug machine.



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Dean Kamen

He has more than 400 patents and is best known for inventing the Segway. He also has dyslexia and says he's a "very slow learner."

Astro Teller

He is the head of X, a semi-secret lab started by Google that pioneers new technology like self-driving cars. He also has dyslexia.

Bill Gates

The co-founder of Microsoft, one of the largest technology companies in the world, says he struggled in school with dysgraphia and had a "comically messy desk."



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Scott Kelly

This astronaut was the first American to spend a year in space. While he succeeded in engineering, he often had trouble concentrating in school.



Maggie Aderin-Pocock

This scientist has helped design space telescopes. She's also hosted TV shows about astronomy. Having grown up with dyslexia, she knows "You've got to find your dream and then do it."



Arash Zaghi

This professor is an expert in bridge design and earthquake engineering. He has ADHD and is helping more kids with ADHD become engineers.



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Diane Swonk

She aced the complex math needed to be a chief economist, but she struggled to learn how to read and to tell left from right.



He used outside-the-box thinking to revolutionize the investment industry. He's a slow reader and an even slower note-taker, but he's a quick thinker.



Emma King

She's good at using advanced math as a physicist. She also has ADHD, dyslexia, and trouble adding in her head.

