

A Limerick in Honor of PZ's 50th Birthday

*With love, from Mara Krechevsky
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Daniel, Shari, Steve, Howard, Dave,
For a loooooooonngg time, this date we have saved.
Now PZ is 5-0
And Nelson's aglow
The chameleon at peace in its grave.

Did Sputnik give birth to PZ?
Was it behaviorism-induced ennui?
With Sizer as Dean
We arrived on the scene
And now it's a half-century.

Five decades of research we've led
Weaving ever a cognitive thread.
'Twas the Development Group
And the Cognitive Skills Troupe
'Til 2000ish, we finally crossbred.

ESP, TfU, MLV
WIDE, MI, LILA, REAP, CoT
Atlas, ALPS, AbD
MSN, PIFS, VT
We create acronyms ad-nauseum-ly.

PZ theories we've taught at GSE
In person and online globally.
Atlantic Philanthropies
Spawned 22 PZC's
Plus LEfT, FoL, APL, so add three!

Now back to Appian Way
The Good Project's at work and at play
While we follow the trek
Of Paul Salopek
From Ethiopia to Patagon-i-a.

The Silk Road's become our house band
Official toy? Why, the Lego brand.
Our cheese? You all know
Parmigiano-Reggiano
We spread tofu (TfU) throughout the land.

LAS21, AIE
LASW, EcoMUVE, CAC
Arts Propel, YPP
OoEL, PoP, ID
UfO, CCI, ca suffit! (except for SUMIT, GC, FDP, etc.)

To the disciplines, we'll always be true.
Dispositions? You know we love you.
Toward teaching and learning
We never stop turning
Assessment providing the glue.

So what does the future hold?
Will "slow looking" ever get old?
Will Rounds still be here?
A Saturday morn without peer
Will PZ keep breaking the mold?

What new questions will we address?
Are there borders yet to transgress?
Our funders, we thank,
Without you, we'd tank.
Let our research-to-practice progress!

Acronym Key:

ESP: Early Symbolization Project
TfU: Teaching for Understanding
MLV: Making Learning Visible
WIDE: Wide-scale Interactive
Development for Educators
MI: Multiple Intelligences
LILA: Learning Innovations Laboratory
REAP: Reviewing Education and the
Arts Project
CoT: Cultures of Thinking
Atlas: Authentic Teaching, Learning &
Assessment for all Students
ALPS: Active Learning Practices for
Schools

AbD: Agency by Design
MSN: Massachusetts Schools Network
PIFS: Practical Intelligence for Schools
VT: Visible Thinking
PZC: Project Zero Classroom
LEFT: Learning Environments for
Tomorrow
FoL: Future of Learning
APL: Arts & Passion-Driven Learning
LAS21: Liberal Arts & Sciences in the
21st Century
AIE: Arts in Education
LASW: Looking at Student Work
EcoMUVE: Eco Multi-User Virtual
Environments

CAC: Children Are Citizens
Arts Propel: Arts Production,
Perception, Reflection
YPP: Youth & Participatory Politics
OoEL: Out of Eden Learn
PoP: Pedagogy of Play
ID: Interdisciplinary
UfO: Understanding for Organizations
CCI: Creating Communities of
Innovation
SUMIT: Schools Using Multiple
Intelligences Theory
GC: Global Competence
FDP: Family Dinner Project