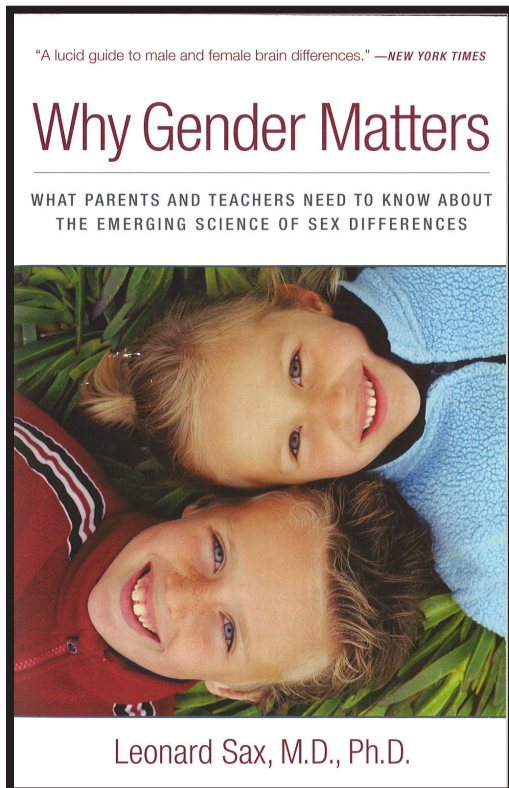


CESA #3 Spring 2012 Book Study

“Why Gender Matters” by Dr. Leonard Sax



“Using studies as well as anecdotes from his practice and visits to classrooms, (Sax) offers advice on such topics as preventing drug abuse and motivating students ...The book is thought-provoking, and Sax explains well the science behind his assertions ...

(Why Gender Matters) is a worthy read for those who care about how best to prepare children for the challenges they face on the path to adulthood.”

-Scientific American

INTRODUCTION

CESA 3 is offering Leonard Sax’s book, *Why Gender Matters, What Parents and Teachers Need to Know About the Emerging Science of Sex Differences* as a spring 2012 Book Study for educators in southwestern Wisconsin.

The class is being offered through Viterbo University for one or two graduate credits. This Book Study is an interactive course designed for educators and parents who are interested in learning more about gender differences in the children they work or live with. It is designed for PK-12 classroom teachers, building level administrators, and parents or grandparents.

COST

The class will be offered for \$220 per graduate credit through Viterbo University in La Crosse, WI. The course syllabus defines the different requirements between one and two credits. Students will pay the course fee at the first meeting of the class on January 25th, 2012.

CLASS MEETINGS

The class will meet on five Wednesday evenings over the course of the spring 2012 semester.

- 1) Wednesday January 25th, 2012
- 2) Wednesday March 7th, 2012
- 3) Wednesday March 28th, 2012
- 4) Wednesday April 11th, 2012
- 5) Wednesday April 25th, 2012

The class will meet from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM each evening in Conference Room A at the CESA #3 Office Building in Fennimore, WI. (Note: We strongly encourage groups of teachers to request a distance learning site within their district or a neighboring district to take the class on the SRTNC Distance Learning Network. Up to four distance sites can be incorporated into the class. Contact David Allen at CESA 3 if you are interested in setting up a site away from Fennimore.)

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COURSE OUTLINE

Session 1 - Wednesday January 25th, 2012

- 1) Class Overview / Registration
- 2) A History of How Gender Differences Have Been Viewed
- 3) Female Brains and Male Brains.

Session 2 - Wednesday March 7th, 2012

- 1) Differences in Risk-Taking Behaviors
- 2) How Aggression is Expressed

Session 3 - Wednesday March 28th, 2012

- 1) How Schools Treat Gender Differences
- 2) Sexuality Differences

Session 4 - Wednesday April 11th, 2012

- 1) The Impact of Drugs
- 2) Differences with Discipline

Session 5 - Wednesday April 25th, 2012

- 1) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Sissy and Tomboy
- 2) Beyond Pink and Blue
- 3) Class Wrap-up and Closure

ASSIGNMENTS AND CLASS REQUIREMENTS

**For One Credit

- 1) Attendance at all 5 class sessions.
- 2) Read the textbook.
- 3) Actively participate in class discussions.
- 4) Complete 5 reflective assignments. (One following each class session.)
- 5) Completion of a summative reflection paper discussing the learning impact of this book study, (Due Friday May 4th, 2012)

**For a Second Credit

- 6) Build the components of action planning into the 5 class reflections
- 7) Completion of an action plan on how the ideas and strategies found in this book will be brought back into your classroom, school building, or home. (Due Friday, May 4th, 2012)

CONTACT INFORMATION/QUESTIONS

Class Instructor will be David M. Allen, PI-34 Coordinator for CESA #3. If you have questions about the class content or structure, or if you are interested in establishing a distance-learning site for the class, please contact him at 608-342-4000, Ext. 1001 or allen@platteville.k12.wi.us

Please go on-line at the CESA #3 Website and register for each evening of the class you are planning to attend. You can do this by clicking on the MyQuickReg icon. Registration fees will be collected as checks the first night of class (bring your check book). You will receive a copy of the textbook via the CESA #3 delivery van (included in the registration costs).

Please contact Marianne Krogen at CESA #3 if you have questions about registration at 608-822-3276, Ext. 227 or mkrogen@cesa3.k12.wi.us