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The Eraserheads

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Reviewer: Lauren Bangerter  
Reading level: Preschool, primary  
Rating: Excellent  
Genre: Informative; Picture books;  
Subject: Erasers--Juvenile fiction; Drawing--Juvenile fiction; Adventures and adventurers--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

The eraserheads live on the desk of a boy who is very creative. They have a very important job; they erase mistakes! They each have special jobs. The alligator eraserhead was good with fixing numbers, the owl eraserhead fixed letters and words, the pig eraserhead would erase anything else. One day the boy draws an intricate drawing of a beach and the eraserheads come along for the ride. When they get into a difficult predicament they are able to erase the problem: a dead end, the teeth of a tiger, and the coils of a snake. Along their way they learn that it is okay to make mistakes and realize that without mistakes life wouldn’t be any fun.

Kate Banks’ *The Eraserheads* is a delightfully engaging picture book. The story is paired with Boris Kulikov’s captivating illustrations which catch the unique perspective of the world from an eraser’s point of view. This book is a great springboard for the imagination and is also able to convey the message that mistakes help us to learn.

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