



Dear Readers,

We are so excited to introduce you to Cece, and hope you love her as much as we do.

Back in 2014, the two of us first decided to team up to write *Cece Loves Science* after Shelli's daughter no longer wanted to attend science camp because she was the "only girl." Kim shared Shelli's deep concern because Kim's younger daughter grew up thinking math and science were "boys-only" subjects. We're both writers, so of course we headed to the library and bookstore for help. But we couldn't find exactly what we wanted to share with our own girls.

So . . . CECE was born—a strong girl character who thinks science is exciting and wants everyone around her to love science as much as she does. A girl who loves asking questions and sees science in everything she does. Because after all, science *is* everywhere!

Since day one, Cece has been a passion project for both of us. We worked on the manuscript together, spending countless hours revising and talking, and conducting experiments in our homes—even feeding our own dogs vegetables! (No luck!)

Our dream is that *Cece Loves Science* will encourage not just girls but all kids to love science. As the mothers of strong-willed daughters, we wholeheartedly believe that girls should rule the field of science . . . and maybe even the world!

Sincerely,

Kimberly and Shelli

