

Notes from the Library



There are many new books arriving at the Boght Hills Library. What could be better than a great new book on a cold, snowy day? There are chapter books, picture books, nonfiction, series books, etc. all waiting to go home and to be enjoyed.

As we start the New Year, students in all grades will listen to a variety of literature selections. Kindergarten will listen to readalouds connected to themes that students are working with in the classroom. First grade students enjoyed a Mark Teague author study in November and December. In January, students will learn about the author and illustrator Thomas Locker. In second grade, we are sharing memories of our first day of kindergarten as we read portions of Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary. In this book, Ramona is off to kindergarten and things don't work out quite the way she thinks they should.

In third grade, we just finished a couple of stories by Mary Jane Auch. We met some fictional third grade students and discovered what can happen when they accidentally hypnotize their dog to speak! As we start January, students will use World Book Encyclopedia to complete research on U.S. Presidents and will create a timeline using their research. We will also read a couple of fiction books about presidents to tie in with our research. In grade 4, we are in the middle of a tall tale unit. These tales all share humor and wild exaggeration. As we read, we are looking for the exaggerations associated with favorite tall tale characters such as Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill, and Old Stormalong. Students will use these stories to help them craft their own tall tale.

Students in grade 5 completed research on five animals commonly found in fables, folktales and fairytales. They will use the information to compare the animals in nature to their portrayal in the literature. In January, we will finish our reading of this literature and students will do a project comparing the fact and the fiction. Students in sixth grade just completed a website evaluation unit. They should be able to describe several ways to determine the quality of an internet website. We will start the New Year by sharing myths and comparing them. After we have read a number of myths, students will use the myths to create a coat-of-arms for a mythological character.

It is going to be a busy, exciting January in the library. Happy New Year!

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