

A WORD FROM THE LIBRARY

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Your Librarians

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Each week I delight in the opportunity to read aloud to all of the elementary students. I choose materials based on a variety of reasons, hoping to convey reading for pure enjoyment as well as practical purposes. The books chosen have a connection to information covered within the classroom; represent a particular genre or are written by a popular author, contemporary or classic, whose work I admire. I strive to share a variety of texts—stories, poetry, information, perhaps even jokes and recipes (still to come) and to show how an author writes – using imagination, historical influence or personal connections. I periodically point out the descriptive language, the lead-in to a chapter or paragraph or the way the author brings the reader to another place and time, all as a means of forming images in the reader's mind. Reading aloud builds awareness about the importance and joy of reading. Hopefully it fuels each child's desire to continue learning to read and to read more and more. Judging by the level of excitement and interest the kids show in bringing home books, it does!

Here's a quick sample of what each class has been doing over the last few weeks:

K – Read **The Scrambled States of America** by Laurie Keller, **Arrow to the Sun** by Gerald McDermott, and **Pueblo Storyteller** by Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith.

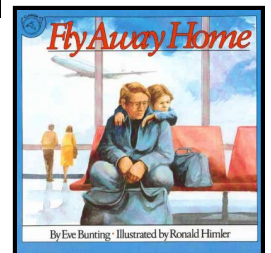
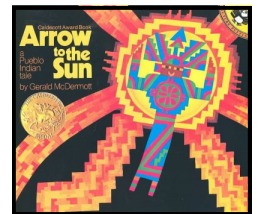
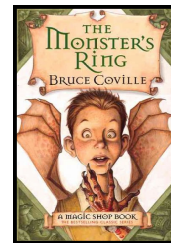
1st - Read books by William Steig: **Brave Irene**, **Shrek!** and **Pete's a Pizza**.

2nd - Researched animals, places, and people in **The World Book Encyclopedia**.

3rd - Wrote individual endings to Bruce Colville's **The Monster's Ring** and read them aloud.

4th - Wrote reviews of favorite books and read them aloud. Read Eve Bunting books; **Fly Away Home** and **Going Home**, (picture books geared for the older elementary child due to serious social subject matter on homelessness and immigration).

5th - Searched for Civil War Biographies. Read **Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth** by Anne Rockwell and Eve Bunting book **Fly Away Home**



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

We've checked out 2,804 items this fall, compared to 1,900 last fall.

97 of these check-outs were magazines.

We've added 487 new books to the collection this fall.

53 of these books were donated from the Birthday Book Club.

Lauren has met with classes 87 times this fall.

We've had 23 classes visit the library in addition to their scheduled library time.

Read Green!

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