



Family Reading Connections

Grade 5 Unit 4: Fantasy Book Clubs



- **Notice** patterns across texts

Overview:

During this unit, *Fantasy Book Clubs*, students will work in clubs to become deeply immersed in the fantasy genre and further develop higher level thinking skills to study how authors develop characters and themes over time. Students will be guided to think metaphorically as well as analytically, while exploring the quests and themes within and across their novels. Students will engage more deeply by considering the implications of conflicts, themes, and lessons learned.

Ways to help at home:

- Nightly reading
- Read short fantasy picture books together.
- Watch movies in fantasy genre to compare to books.

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Standards (NJSL): Please refer to Morris School District Rubicon Atlas Website to view standards specific to this unit.

In this unit, Students will:

- **Engage** effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on Grade 5 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly
- **Actively** participate in discussions about texts during book club
- **Analyze** a text by asking questions about the characters, theme, structure, and author's craft
- **Consider** how a story portrays cultures and represents characters

