

# Mrs. Therrell's Library October Newsletter

## K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades

This month, we'll wrap up our study of analyzing pictures to help us tell the story and learning from characters. Students have done such a great job of delving deep into our texts as readers and learning new strategies!

We'll begin a unit on Fall and Halloween-themed books with a mixture of nonfiction texts to teach us information and fiction books to entertain us. We'll focus on comparing and contrasting and learning the difference between the two genres.

To review and engage our younger friends, we'll play some fun, interactive comprehension games that tie in with our learning together on the Smartboard.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Each week, we read a new chapter in our historical fiction text, Stone Fox. We build background knowledge, view pictures of the setting during this time period, discuss vocabulary, and make new predictions. We are also working on citing evidence from the text and researching dog sledding using World Book Online. Students will participate in Choice Board activities that include reading, writing, researching, and reviewing our comprehension in interactive ways.

## Ebook Opportunities

### Bookflix

User name: puckett Password: bookflix

### Tumblebooks

User name: puckett. Password: reads

### Get Epic

Library Code: ilg8792 .

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

To go along with our 4<sup>th</sup> graders' unit in their classrooms on adaptations, we are reading Top Secret, a science fiction chapter book. Allen is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader who wants to make a new discovery for his science fair project. He got the idea for his science fair discovery at dinner one night when his mom cooked liver. Ugh! IF plants can live off sunlight, water, carbon dioxide, and nutrients, why can't humans? Can Allen make the discovery of a lifetime-proving human photosynthesis can work? Students will be challenged as the text pulls in higher level vocabulary and new learning about plants. We'll even plant seeds soon to watch them grow and observe their adaptations. Students will participate in literacy activities that focus on this text as well.

## 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades

We are delving deep in a realistic fiction chapter book called The Tiger Rising by Kate DiCamillo. Students are learning to empathize for our main character who has faced a lot of loss in his young life and struggles with opening up with others due to these losses. Discussions are at its strongest in each 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom as we pause, think, and discuss as readers. After reading each day, Literacy Choice Board activities are offered that correlate with our recent readings, and students enjoy playing interactive Smartboard games that review our comprehension. Super proud of our reading leaders on campus!

## Important Information

Mrs. Therrell is on a RCSD Reading Fair Planning Committee, and the wheels are turning for our plans for the 2020-2021 READING FAIR at Puckett Elementary!

Get ready for two, GREAT virtual options for bringing our Reading Fair storyboards or digital projects to life! More information coming later this month.