

Library November Newsletter

PreK-2nd Grades

We will use both nonfiction and fiction texts this month that center on Thanksgiving: past and present. We will focus on being thankful and showing our appreciation to others. Read aloud books will include In November, The First Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving Rules, and Turkey Trouble. Literacy-rich activities will integrate with our texts and vary in difficulty based on grade level.

3rd Grade

We just wrapped up our reading of Stone Fox. Although the end of our text had a sad ending leaving us all in tears, we learned the value of true friendship and putting someone else's needs above our own.

Students are working cooperatively with a partner to create a Google Slide on important story elements to prove their knowledge of the text.

4th Grade

We are really pulled into our science fiction piece, Top Secret. Students are using their knowledge of the human body and plants to help us decide as researchers if Allen can really prove that human photosynthesis could work. We are rooting for him!

Students are really thinking like scientists in our activities and comprehension games that integrate with the text.

Thanksgiving in our Hearts

In addition to normal library activities, we will also write and decorate Christmas cards to soldiers as a collaboration with a local organization. I can't wait to see how our students will use kindness to make a difference in the lives of our brave military men and women.

5th-6th Grades

We are wrapping up our cyber safety unit this month with students stepping into the roles of teachers and sharing their Google Slide Cyber Safety projects. Working cooperatively and safely with a partner, students researched a cyber safety topic or concept and created a Google Slide that brought the topic to life for our audience. It was great for Mrs. Therrell to step aside and be a listener and learn A LOT of technology tips from these students! Open conversation took place after each presentation in which we really learned a lot from each other. We will celebrate being cyber safe and wrap up our unit by conquering the 5th-6th grade islands on our FBI SOS website AND proving our knowledge of concepts learned by playing a teacher created game using Hello Smart.

Cyber Safety

Our unit may be ending, but our goal is to keep our knowledge locked inside our minds forever. Students did a great job during the month of October in learning all about important cyber safety strategies.

Our younger grades were immersed in lessons and videos to learn all about being safe online, and our older students took on the role of teachers as they created and shared Google Slide presentations on important cyber safety topics.

We will all celebrate our unit by playing interactive games using Hello Smart that Mrs. Therrell created as a review of all concepts learned.

I am so proud of our cyber-safe students at PES!