

# Mrs. Therrell's Library

## January Newsletter

### PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

We are starting the new year by delving deeply into great children's literature. We are partnering with the Mississippi Children's Museum and participating in the Mississippi Magnolia Book competition. We will be reading titles nominated for the Mississippi Magnolia Awards for the 2020-21 school year and voting on which books are our favorites. These book brackets have proven to be a lot of fun as each book has made us laugh, smile, and learn valuable lessons in the process. Books in our bracket include the following: When Pencil Met Eraser, Daniel's Good Day, Nobody Hugs a Cactus, Noah Builds an Ark, This is My Room (No Tigers Allowed), The New Neighbors, Not Your Nest, and The Cat Who Lived with Anne Frank. After reading each book, students will participate in meaningful literacy activities that involve them writing creatively while proving their understanding of each text. Mrs. Therrell will be using Suite Smart interactive games and Kahoot games using each classroom's Promethean boards as a way to assess comprehension as well. It's sure to be a great year reading all these awesome award nominees! Stay tuned to see which book holds the Champion Title for Puckett Elementary School!

\*Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade extension activities will involve more in-depth writing and reasoning to challenge them to the fullest.

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

We will soon begin a research unit that will take us on a virtual tour of great resources we have available to us at RCSD including: World Book Online, Magnolia, and Destiny, our online library catalog. Students will have hands-on activities to push them to find the best tools in each of the above resources. Before doing so, we are trying our hands at a way to share information creatively through creating and learning the in's and out's of Google Sites. Although Google Slides is a great way to share information, we always want to push ourselves to try new ways of sharing information learned. Hopefully when we wrap up our research unit, students will have multiple options of sharing all the information they learned.

### Puckett Elementary Reading Fair

We are excited to announce our 2020-2021 Virtual/Digital Reading Fair date has been set! Our students have discussed the Reading Fair during library lessons and are encouraged to discuss this optional at-home reading project with their families.

The Reading Fair is a great way to model a love for reading from home in that each child has an opportunity to read and bring a favorite book to life for their audience through their writing and artistic creations.

*Due to safety this year, RCSD does not permit any physical Reading Fair storyboards being turned in at schools.*

Students will choose ONE of the following choices after reading their favorite book:

1. Create a storyboard with required story elements and tell about their creation through a video that will be uploaded to Flipgrid.
2. Create a Google Slide presentation with required story elements that will be audio/screenshared using Flipgrid.

\*A PES Google Classroom has been set up for participants which houses Reading Fair guidelines, example storyboard videos, example Google slide screenshares, tutorials, and helpful tools to guide you along the way.

Google Classroom Code: gcyf5ps

All Reading Fair projects are due by February 25<sup>th</sup>.

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